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CHILDREN TAKE A STEP BACK IN TIME AT CASTLE

YEAR-4 pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School recently enjoyed a trip to Cardiff Castle.

They have been learning about the Victorians, so a tour of the castle and a session in the education room gave them a fascinating insight into what life was like for the Marquis of Bute's children growing up in those times.

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Bryneithin will be demolished

SHORTLY before The GEM went to press, the Vale Council announced that the Bryneithin residential home in Dinas Powys will be demolished.

A Vale Council cabinet working group is looking at options to provide homes for the elderly, and a public consultation exercise is planned.

See next week's GEM for more on this.

Three-year-old's life-threatening illness

COMMUNITY RALLIES ROUND TO HELP EVIE

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

A fundraising event is being held at Victoria Park on August 17 – for a little girl from Barry who suffers from a rare, life-threatening illness.

Three-year -old Evie O'Keefe was born with 'mitochondrial cytopathy', something that mystified her family at the time.

Her mother Marie told The GEM: "We had no idea about the disease.

"I now know it is to do with energy cells in her body not functioning properly."

It means that simple things that most toddlers take for granted, such as beginning to walk, are beyond Evie.

Naturally, it is frustating for Evie, and upsetting for mum Marie, who explained: "Evie is tube-fed, cannot walk, and is very behind in her development."

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ABOVE: Marie and her family are desperate to find help for Evie.

Two burglars return to the crime scene – AND ARE ARRESTED!

Report by AJ SICLUNA

A BARRY burglar has been jailed for 125 weeks at Cardiff Crown Court.

Four days after the break-in, the same house was attacked again, this time while the police were inside making enquiries.

Michael Brash, 39, of Court Road, Barry, admitted burgling the house in Beryl Street.

Judge Eleri Rees told him: "You knew the score."

Hayley Evans, 38, a mother of one, of Maes-yr-Ysgol, Barry, admitted burglary with intent and possessing amphetamine.

She was jailed for 32 weeks, suspended for two years, ordered to be on supervision for a year and to carry out 200 hours unpaid work. She was also ordered to pay costs of £250 and a victim surcharge of £100.

Prosecutor David Thomas said that in March, Brash burgled a terrace house, the home of Rebecca Wallis.

Four days later the police went to the house to make enquiries and a bang was heard from the front door. Evans was responsible for forcing it and Brash was with her.

They were arrested on the spot.

Mr Thomas said Evans was found to have £10 worth of amphetamine on her, which she said she was going to inject.

The court heard that Brash had eight convictions for burglary and Evans a conviction for burglary and attempted robbery.

Mike Hammett for Brash said: "His last dwelling house burglary was in 2004, and he has tried to turn his life around."

Adam Sharpe, for Evans, said: "There was an element of forethought in her actions. It was believed the house was empty at 10.30am.

"She had drunk lager and cider and taken drugs and it was all haphazard and unsophisticated.

"She has had problems with substance misuse, including heroin, which she no longer takes."

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Schoolgirl joins relief work in the Philippines

MELISA GOODING, a pupil in year-12 at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, is part of a team called 'Wild Fire' spending three weeks as volunteers with the charity – YOUTH with a MISSION (YWAM) in Cagyan de Oro, Mindanao, Philippines.

It was severely affected by the tsunami of 2004 and YWAM has had an international team there since 2005.

In December 2011, the island of Mindanao was hit again – this time by Typhoon Washi. Heavy rains caused destructive flash flooding which killed over 1,200 people and left hundreds more still missing. Nearly 50,000 homes were damaged or destroyed.

Melisa's brother Simon is at present on the Logos Hope ship and will be involved in a building project over the next few weeks in Porta Princessa, also part of the Philippines.

Melisa said: "This poverty is heartbreaking. I want to do my bit to bring hope."

The project in the Philippines will involve working with local people in the slums and fishing villages, and helping with ongoing projects.

Her Dad (Dale) is swimming a mile tomorrow (Friday, July 6) in a local swimming pool and is asking friends and supporters to sponsor him.

Cowbridge Fire Station has also offered to hold a charity car wash on Saturday, July 13, to help Melisa raise funds needed.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN

Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

Llancarfan village show

THE Llancarfan Village Show will be held in the village hall and St Cadoc's (flower classes) on Saturday, July 13 – doors open to the public at 1.45pm.

Alun Cairns, the local MP, has kindly agreed to present cups and prizes at 4pm.

The show programmes, giving all details of the classes and timings, can be obtained by contacting Ann Ferris 01446 781350 or Sue Taylor 01446 781453.

A lot of work has gone into this show, so please exhibit and bring the family along on the day.

Musicians and the Llancarfan Primary School Choir will perform during the course of the afternoon.

Flower Festival

A SUMMER flower festival will be held in St Augustine's Church, Penarth, to coincide with the Penarth Festival on July 12, 13, 14.

There will be live music by local artists and children accompanied by an adult, will be encouraged to make their own displays and help to create a sand garden. Penarth's Town Mayor Coun Neil Thomas will be opening the festival on Friday, July 12 at 6.30pm.

Admission £2.50p, children admitted free. All proceed to restoration of the Roll of Honour, in time for the World War One centenary.

For more details, telephone 029 2070 7828.

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Is Cemetery Approach a lost golden opportunity?

THE political grapevine indicates that a report may go to the Vale cabinet, concerning the future of Cemetery Approach.

This valuable urban open space was saved from unsuitable housing development by the people of Barry, 11,300 of whom signed a protest petition.

The Save Cemetery Approach Action Group, of which I was secretary and press officer, launched the campaign and prepared compelling evidence that forced the developers to pull out of a scheduled public inquiry.

The action group proposed that the area should be developed as a community project in partnership with the borough and town council with local people having a key input into any proposals.

The consultation undertaken by the Vale, however, has been a total sham.

During our campaign to save Cemetery Approach, suggestions from townspeople included the land being linked to the adjacent Barry Cemetery as a conservation area to include limited parking for cemetery visitors; a mother and child play and rest area; a garden section suitable for use by disabled people and children, perhaps enlisting the 'green finger' skills of local allotment holders.

Some thought that an occasional open-air 'shop' should be opened where local people could buy fresh produce grown on the allotments.

These various ideas – or any others that were feasible – would have enabled the borough council to set a fine example of how initiatives run jointly by communities and councils can promote a better environment and enhance the area we live in.

However, these ideas seem to have been given short shrift by the Vale's so-called consultation process, even though Groundwork Wales and other voluntary organisations expressed interest in the site's potential – as an exemplar of what could be achieved by the two councils and the community working together.

If this is the case, then the local authority has missed a golden opportunity because such a scheme would have stood a good chance of attracting considerable external funding, an invaluable boost in these straitened times.

Derek Hooper,
Barry.

Fresh approach on Cemetery issue?

IF we are to believe what we read on Twitter, Cemetery Approach will again be considered by the council cabinet.

During the election, the Labour Party promised to 'give the public a bigger say on the things that really matter to them and listen to their views' and also to consult the public on Cemetery Approach, but the process conducted by the council was less than satisfactory.

A single individual could have submitted many responses and allotments were given a favourable emphasis; even though the council had previously said the ground was unsuitable.

Perhaps this time, the cabinet can come up with an imaginative decision. A way forward that involves people who care about the location, who value this townscape, and are willing to work together to achieve a desirable outcome.

The council's corporate plan refers to 'a new kind of relationship and cooperation between citizens and local government'.

Cemetery Approach provides an excellent opportunity for the council to implement this plan, potentially resulting in the enrichment of a much-loved approach to the cemetery.

Dennis Harkus (FocusBARRY member)

'Barry must take action'

THERE are many reasons why Barry is left to wallow in its own misery. I witnessed one when I drove from Lampeter – it was a good run until I came off the M4 at Junction 33.

From there, it took me one hour, 20 minutes to get home...

We do not have council members who stand up for Barry – they seem to be locked in their own little kingdoms.

Nothing will change until the people of Barry take action - but I won't hold my breath (I am close to 70 now).

Robert Darer,
Barry.

Talk to the NHS!

THE NHS in south Wales is currently consulting about the future of maternity and neonatal care, children's and A&E services.

Between now and July 19, they want to hear from as many people as possible about the proposed changes.

This can be done by attending one of the public meetings in your area, emailing them at *swresponse@wales.nhs.uk* or by writing to SWP, PO Box 4368, Cardiff, CF14 8JN.

It is a pity it has come to this, but this is due to the failure of the Welsh Government to tackle the staff shortages in our health service.

Coun Richard Bertin
(Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council)

YMCA celebrates work of charities

YMCA Barry went to the Senedd recently – as one of the charities supported which helps Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales which helps disadvantaged people across Wales.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mike Smith, YMCA Barry; Jane Hutt, AM for the Vale; Jane Lane, Advocacy Matters; Anthea Clements, YMCA Barry; and Steve Davies, Spectacle Theatre Company.

Professor Sir Ian Diamond, Chair of the Foundation, said: "The Foundation is committed to supporting disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in communities. This reception has given us the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the hard work of small and medium sized charities working to tackle disadvantage in Wales."

Anthea Clements, CEO of YMCA Barry, said: "The event has been an excellent opportunity for charities and AMs to come together and talk about the work we are doing to support disadvantaged people and communities across Wales. The support from the Foundation has been fundamental in helping us to continue our vital work with vulnerable people who need help."

'FUNDING CUTS ARE TO BLAME'

THE leader of the Welsh Conservatives Andrew RT Davies AM, attacks the Assembly Government for cutting the bus service operators' grant.

He, of course, like all Welsh Conservative politicians, chooses to ignore and not mention the £1.7 billion funding cuts imposed by the Conservative-led UK Coalition Government on the Welsh people.

This savage cut to Welsh funding means the Welsh Government has been forced to make some very difficult spending choices.

Where would he and his fellow Conservative Assembly members make cuts?

Would he like the Westminster Coalition Government to cut the services that help to look after the most vulnerable, the disabled, the old and the poor? Just who would he penalise?

Let's have an honest answer from you Mr Davies, not the usual silence we get from Welsh Conservative politicians when asked about the funding by the Coalition that affects the Welsh people.

G Smith,
Llantwit Major.

'Thank you, one and all'

I SHOULD like to thank all those friends who sent me their best wishes via birthday cards, for my 102nd birthday on June 26.

Whether I will see another such occasion remains to be seen — the future is not ours to foretell, so thank you all.

Alfred Mills, Barry.

'Let us what you think about the Big Lottery'

WE are inviting readers to tell us what they think of the Big Lottery Fund's work in Wales by taking part in 100 Big Voices.

It's 100 to tie in with the £100,000 daily amount we award in Wales to help communities most in need.

And in recognition of this, we aim to gather at least 100 voices from the public, projects we've funded, stakeholders and perhaps the odd celebrity, to help showcase all the wonderful things that are being achieved through our funding. There are some really amazing things happening right on our doorsteps, helping people from all walks of life.

To help demonstrate this, we would like everyone to watch a short film on the web page featuring three touching stories about people whose lives have been helped by our funding.

After you've watched it, discover how you can get your voice heard. So enjoy the film and participate here www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/100bigvoices.

John Rose,
Wales Director, Big Lottery Fund.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 11)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
04 Thur	04.15	7.9	16.47	8.1
05 Fri	05.15	9.4	17.38	8.4
06 Sat	06.01	8.6	18.23	8.7
07 Sun	06.46	8.8	19.04	8.9
08 Mon	07.25	9.0	19.39	9.2
09 Tues	08.01	9.1	20.12	9.3
10 Wed	08.33	9.2	20.47	9.3
11 Thur	09.05	9.2	21.21	9.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Daniel explains why River Africa will help his homeland

by TIM CHAPMAN

A man from Zimbabwe has been publicising the River Africa charity with a number of collection days in south Wales – and last Friday, June 28, he was in Holton Road, Barry.

Daniel Nadzo (41) a web designer who now lives in south Wales, wants people to know how the cause is helping African women who are being confronted by critical health issues.

Daniel said: "The aim is to help to reduce the number of women who are dying in childbirth, and instances of mothers passing on HIV to babies.

"Some mothers do not live long enough to raise their children."

Although he is thousands of miles from Zimbabwe, Daniel has not forgotten his homeland and says he is inspired by the example set by his mother Rosemary, who died in 2003

He explained: "She was a schoolteacher and did a lot for the community."

Daniel plans to run the Cardiff Half Marathon on October 6, to raise money for the cause.

He is also planning a walk to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro which he hopes will include women from both Zimbabwe and the United Kingdom who are living with HIV, so they can learn from each other's experiences.

Daniel said: "From its inception River Africa has been run by unpaid Welsh Volunteers, and will continue to be run by volunteers for its lifetime.

"We aim to reduce the incidence of maternal mortality in hard-to-reach rural communities in Zimbabwe through the implementation of antenatal and postpartum care.

"The care will be dispensed through purpose built mother and baby hospitals which are supported by the use of a fully integrated maternal mobile clinic.

"I also plan to approach local vehicle manufacturers or dealers, hoping they will donate two 4x4vehicles that River Africa can use to implement its mobile clinic and chicken project in Zimbabwe."

Daniel is optimistic about the future of Zimbabwe, saying it must take a central path, not affected by its colonial past, and not too liberal either.

"We can't use colonial excuses, it is time for Zimbabwe to move on," he said.

For more information on River Africa, go to www.riverafrica.org; to support Daniel's individual Mount Kilimanjo climb, go to: www.justgiving.com/Daniel-Nadzo.

LEFT: Daniel Nadzo fundraising on Holton Road, Barry, for the River Africa charity.

Karen defies arthritis to become body builder!

by TIM CHAPMAN

A Barry Island woman is defying the medical odds – by competing as a female body builder.

Karen Nolan-Evans (33) was a semi-pro footballer, who also competed as a kickboxer when she received terrible news about the state of her health.

She explained: "I was diagnosed four years ago with spondyloarthropathy, an auto-immune arthritis. It put an end to my kickboxing.

"My health started to deteriorate and I needed several operations on my joints. I also had an osteotomy of my left knee.

"Then I sustained a life-threatening seizure, following a cortisone injection at the hospital, which landed me in intensive care!"

Karen had reconstructive surgery on both ankles, and was having to take medication a number of times each day for the spondyloarthropathy.

"I also have to have a methotrexate injection every week which I self-administer.

"It is a low dose chemotherapy drug to slow down the disease."

Despite multiple health worries, Karen has shown immense determination in the face of adversity.

She began exercising in the hydro pool at the University Hospital of Wales. Then she became more ambitious.

"In May 2012, I went to watch a local bodybuilding contest and decided that I wanted to give it a go.

"I committed myself to the training. It worked out well because every day I would go to the gym to work on my joint mobility and strength."

Karen found that the exercise began to reduce the inflamation she was suffering.

"The more I exercised, the less inflamation I experienced. Even my blood results started to improve."

Karen decided that she wanted to compete too.

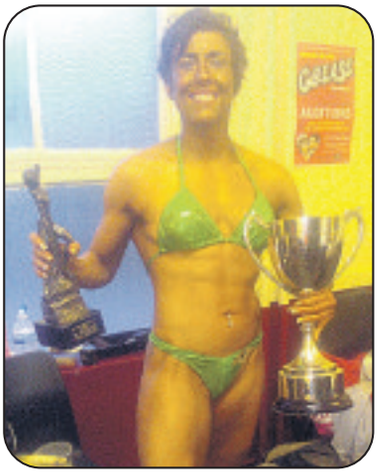
"On May 11 this year, I took part in a bodybuilding contest at Barry Memorial Hall and came second in the Welsh Championships.

"I am extremely proud of my achievement and want to share my story with people.

"If I can achieve something like this then anybody can. I want to inspire as many people as possible to realise the benefits of getting to the local gym."

This weekend, Karen will continue her bodybuilding career by competing in Newport at the Welsh Natural Body Building Championships.

RIGHT: Karen Nolan-Evans.



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PRAWN	£5.50	£5.50	£5.50	£5.50	£5.50
CHICKEN TIKKA	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80
LAMB TIKKA	£5.95	£5.95	£5.95	£5.95	£5.95
VEGETABLE	£4.50	£4.50	£4.50	£4.50	£4.50
FISH	£6.50	£6.50	£6.50	£6.50	£6.50
KING PRAWN	£7.75	£7.75	£7.75	£7.75	£7.75

	Dupiaza	Rogan	Pathia	Dansak	Saag
CHICKEN	£5.20	£5.20	£5.20	£5.20	£5.20
LAMB	£5.60	£5.60	£5.60	£5.60	£5.60
PRAWN	£5.50	£5.50	£5.50	£5.50	£5.50
CHICKEN TIKKA	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80	£5.80
LAMB TIKKA	£5.95	£5.95	£5.95	£5.95	£5.95
VEGETABLE	£4.50	£4.50	£4.50	£4.50	£4.50
FISH	£6.50	£6.50	£6.50	£6.50	£6.50
KING PRAWN	£7.75	£7.75	£7.75	£7.75	£7.75

SET MEALS

ROYAL THALI FOR 1
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1 Pulao Rice, 1 Nan Bread, 1 Papadom
£11.50

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1 Onion Bhaji, 1 Chicken Tikka Appetiser
ANY 2 Curries (Value up to £6.25)
1 Pulao Rice, 1 Chips & 1 Nan Bread
(offer Monday til Thursday)
£17.50

ROYAL THALI FOR 2
ANY 2 Appetiser (Value up to £3.10)
ANY 2 Curries (Value up to £6.50)
1 Side Dish, 2 Pulao Rice, 1 Nan Bread, 2 Papadoms
£21.50

CHEF SPECIAL THALI
1 Sheek Kebab, 1 Chicken Tikka Appetiser
1 Jaipuri Tikka Chicken, 1 Kochi Tikka Lamb
1 Mushroom Bhaji, 1 Balti Pulao,
1 Chips, 1 Nan Bread & 2 Papadoms
£22.50

(No offer is available in conjunction with any other offer or discounts).

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR EVIE

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Marie continued: "The family want to raise awareness about this disease, along with funds to help my beautiful little girl."

She has discovered there is a clinic in Canada which has some specialist knowledge of the condition:

"I'm getting in touch with them. I can't just sit back and do nothing."

Evie's grandmother, Yvonne, said: "On two occasions, we have been very close to losing her. We can't just let her die."

The family say that the medical profession appears bamboozled by her condition. They say their understanding is that there are 250 forms of mitochondrial cytopathy and discovering which one Evie has proved ellusive.

Steve Lane the owner of Pets R Us in Barry, who is a family friend, has pledged his support and is helping to organise the event.

"No family should have to go through what they have experienced. It is very stressful.

"I've known the family all my life and want to do anything I can to help.

"Saturday, August 17 is going to be a massive fund-raising day at Victoria Park, but we're appealing for members of the community to help too.

"If people or businesses would like to donate items to be raffled for prizes that would be a big help.

"So far, we've got bands arranged, there's going to be a dog show, zumba, bric-a-brac, face-painting and a disco.

"We're even auctioning off one of my staff members, Kevin, who is going to be a muscleman in a loincloth!"

If people would like to donate items they can drop them in to Pets R Us at Regent Street, Barry; if people would like to take part in the event, they can contact Steve on 01446 722228.

For more information on mitochondrial diseases, go to: www.umdf.org

Campaign opposes housing proposals

PLANS to develop two areas of Barry with hundreds of new houses are being opposed by local residents.

Applications have been submitted to the Vale Council by Taylor Wimpey to build 200 houses between properties along Nant Talwg Way and the Cwm Ciddy pub in Barry; and the Walters Group hopes to build 500 houses on land north of Weycock Cross, behind Port Road.

Local residents have arranged a public meeting, supported by Vale MP Alun Cairns, on Tuesday, July 16, at Cwm Talwg Community Centre at 7.15pm to consider the issues and organise opposition to the proposals.

A campaign group has been formed under the banner 'The Friends of Weycock Cross Action Group' .

Local resident, Debra Cleland claimed that Barry curently struggles to cope with traffic problems without a possible further 700 homes being built in and around Weycock Cross.

Debra Cleland said: "We are calling a public meeting to highlight the impact of these developments.

"We have established a website, *www.friendsofweycockcross.co.uk*, and are looking for people with expertise in planning and environmental matters to come forward."

Cubs find out about recycling

THE 1st Dinas Powys Cubs group enjoyed an evening of fun and games while learning about recycling with the Vale Council.

In preparation for their Global Challenge award, the boys needed to find out more about waste and recycling, and turned to waste awareness officer Sam Harrison for help.

Ian Robinson, Akela of the pack, said: "The boys are aiming for their Global Challenge award, and for this they needed to find out about things that can be recycled."

The session began with a quiz, where the cubs turned the spotlight on their pack leaders to find out how much they knew about recycling.

An energetic recycling run-around game followed, designed to burn off some steam and show the vast array of things that can both be recycled, and made from recycled material.

Coun Rob Curtis, cabinet member for the environment and visible services, said: "Thank you to this local cub scout group for getting in touch with us.

"We're always happy to encourage our younger Vale residents to keep recycling and to share their knowledge when they get home."

Joseph - on the streets!

PUKKA Productions took some of their *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* cast on a tour of Barry on Saturday – to give people a taste of what to expect when the show opens at the Memorial Hall tonight (July 4) for a three-day run.

Joseph donned his Technicolour coat and attracted enthusiastic audiences at each of the locations, which included, Kings Square, Barry Island and The Little Blue Deli, on High Street.

The show runs until Saturday (July 6). Telephone 01446 738622, or go to www.memorialhalltheatre.co.uk for tickets.

Pukka was buzzing after receiving a good luck tweet from Lee Mead, who won the part of Joseph in BBC1's *Any Dream Will Do,* to find the new star of Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit West End show.

It also had good luck tweets from ex-Barry resident Russell Grant and Ian 'H' Watkins, formerly of pop group Steps.

Local hospital at centre of Wales' strategy on cystic fibrosis

New CF centre is to open at Llandough

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

THE new All-Wales Adult Cystic Fribrosis Centre will be opened at Llandough Hospital later this month.

The centre cares for 240 adult patients and remains the only adult specialist CF centre in Wales.

The centre, led by Dr Ian Ketchell, Dr Jamie Duckers and Dr Dawn Lau, is a success story because patient numbers have increased in the last 10 years as life expectancy has increased.

Lorraine Speight, the centre manager, explained: "This is mainly attributable to the emergence of specialist CF centres with dedicated multidisciplinary teams and also to new more advanced treatments and therapies.

"Currently, we care for 240 adults from the age of 17 years of age and upwards."

A total of £200,000 has been raised enabling staff to re-furbish and equip the new centre.

The team is already in the new centre located on two floors, but still has £1.1m to raise to convert the middle floor of the building into a ward of 15 to 17 en-suite rooms. Lorraine pointed out: "Due to the increase in numbers and demand on the service, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board recognised the need for a new CF Centre.

"A business case was therefore put together by us and accepted by the board, with an outcome of being given a £3.5 million three-storey building, to allow for present and future growth, coupled with the need to embrace new technologies and services to look after an ageing CF population."

The official opening of the new unit will take place on July 26.

Barry Mayor's high praise for Penarth's Forces Day parade

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Claire Curtis, recently attended the Armed Forces Day celebrations in Penarth, representing the Barry Town Council and residents.

A parade through Penarth town centre including veterans and cadets from local organisations, and the Mayor of Penarth, Coun Neil Thomas took the salute.

There were many activities arranged throughout the day, including an exhibition in Penarth Town Council offices of the role Barry, Penarth and the surrounding area played in both the First and Second World Wars.

Coun Curtis said: "It is important for us to remember and acknowledge the men and women who serve in our armed forces and to thank them and appreciate the job they do.

"Penarth Town Council has put on an excellent event to commemorate Armed Forces Day here in the Vale.

"I have discovered information about Barry during the war that I was not aware of, including the fact that many bombs landed near where I live in Barry, not far from the ancient Merthyr Dyfan church.

"I would recommend everyone visit the Barry at War Museum at Barry Island Train Station to discover for themselves the role Barry has played in various conflicts, from the First World War right up to current day battles," she added.

Street market's Italian flavour

BARRY Town Council will be hosting the Mamma Mia Italian Food Market in Kings Square, Holton Road, Barry, from July 11-13.

There will be a large selection of traditional Italian foods available, including, cheeses, breads, pastries, olives, pancakes, fashion items and much more!

A spokesperson for the council said: "The continuation of these events relies heavily on public interest, so please let's give Mamma Mia a very warm, Barry welcome!"

NEWS FROM THE PENARTH & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Local ramblers complete their 21-mile 'stroll' in 10 hours!

***RIGHT:** The magnificent seven from Penarth & District Ramblers who stormed the three castles!*

To mark the 20th anniversary of Penarth and District Ramblers, William took the lead on the Three Castles walk and was joined by seven intrepid ramblers keen for adventure.

The route takes in some of the beautiful and remote countryside of Monmouthshire visiting White, Grosmont and Skenfrith castles – that were built to form a line of defence on the border of the Welsh marches and to control the transport routes from Herefordshire into Wales.

Gathering at White Castle, the group crossed the River Trothy, joined the riverbank and passing through the Glen Trothy Estate crossed fields towards the little church of Llanfair Gilgoed.

The large hump of Graig Syfyrddin was the next challenge and during the ascent they were rewarded with sweeping views back towards Skirrid and the Black Mountains.

They descended towards the sleepy little village of Grosmont, with its majestic castle elevated on a mound above the pretty River Monnow, then past Little Cross Farm to climb again towards Garway Hill.

They descended into the Monnow valley passing Trevonny Farm and Rickets Wood where they had their first glimpse of Skenfrith Castle.

Passing Traveller's Rest Wood, a narrow track to the site of the derelict Traveller's Rest Inn eventually led to a steep flight of steps back to their start. The jubilant but weary group completed 21-miles in 10 hours!

On July 6, the train will leave Cogan railway station at 8.48am or Barry at 9.03am for a moderate linear walk from Llantwit Major taking in Reynard's Cave then back along the coast (which is 10 miles to Rhoose or 14 miles to Barry); contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On July 7, meet at 10am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 6-mile easy walk at St Fagans; contact Pam on 029 2025 5102.

On July 11, the second 20-mile walk for the group's 20th year will be a coastal tramp from Bridgend via Merthyr Mawr Warren back to Llantwit Major. The train will leave Cogan at 7.48am, Barry 8.05am and Llantwit at 8.22am for more information, contact Joy on 01446 737131.

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	Med 9"	Lrg 12"	Fam 14"
1. Margherita 100% Mozzarella Cheese & tomato (extra cheese)	7.99	10.99	11.99
2. Free Choice Cheese, tomato and 4 toppings of your choice	9.99	13.99	15.99
3. Hawaiian Mushroom, pineapple and ham (extra cheese)			
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5. Vegetarian Hot Mushroom, fresh chilli, onion and peppers			
6. Mexicano Spicy beef, spicy chicken, jalapeno and peppers (extra cheese)			
7. Pepperoni Passion Double pepperoni, double cheese			
8. Kebab Special Chicken and doner kebab, onion & peppers (extra cheese)			
9. Meat Feast Pepperoni, spicy beef, spicy chicken, meatballs & ham (extra cheese)			
10. Chicken Combo Chicken tikka, roast chicken, Chinese chicken & tandoori chicken			
11. Hot Shot Pepperoni, salami, jalapeno, onion, peppers & garlic butter			
12. American Hot Pepperoni, onion, spicy beef & fresh chilli (extra cheese)			
13. Tikka Tikka Onion, chicken, tikka, peppers, American spicy sausage & mushroom			
14. Romeo's Tandoori Mushroom, onion, tandoori chicken & peppers			
15. Seafood Tuna, prawns, anchovies, olives & onion (extra cheese)			
16. London Pizza BBQ sauce, pepperoni, spicy beef, onion & American spicy sausage			
17. Paris Pizza BBQ sauce, roast chicken, smoky bacon, onion & peppers			
18. Doner Pizza BBQ sauce & doner slices (extra cheese)			
19. Romeo Meatball Spicy sausage, onion, meatball, pepperoni & green peppers			
20. Chicken Special Spicy chicken, Chinese chicken, onion, fresh tomato & peppers			
21. Romeo Special Pepperoni, BBQ chicken, onion, mushroom & peppers (extra cheese)			
Cheese Crust Add on an extra	1.50	2.00	2.50

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ROMEO FISH BAR

	Med	Lrg
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Fish & Chips & Curry or Gravy		4.50
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Fish & Chips & Beans		4.50
Sausage in Batter	0.80	1.10
Sausage	0.70	
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Fish Cake	0.80	1.00
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New bus service will improve area's transport links

A BUS service connecting Barry with Llantwit Major and Bridgend, is set to be extended – following talks between the Vale Council and a commercial operator.

From July 20, New Adventure Travel is extending its hourly bus service 303, which currently runs from Bridgend through to Llantwit Major, Monday to Saturdays, to Barry.

At Barry, passengers can connect with the train, offering an option to travel onward to Cardiff. The council and New Adventure Travel have also secured the continuation of the 303 (Bridgend to Barry) bus service on Sundays, which connects directly to the 304 (Barry to Cardiff) bus service from Barry to Cardiff. The two-hourly service operates from Bridgend via Ogmore by Sea, Southerndown, Wick, St Donats, Llantwit Major, St Athan and Rhoose, through to Cardiff.

The Vale Council, with assistance from Sewta and the Welsh Government, is providing financial support to New Adventure Travel for the two services.

Council cabinet member, Coun Lis Burnett said: "I am delighted that we have been able to work with New Adventure Travel to secure this excellent commercial addition to our supported network of bus services, and would ask people to use the service as much as they can to ensure its success."

New Adventure Travel managing director Kevyn Jones said: "We have worked with the Vale Council and Cardiff and the Vale College to ensure the service will offer reliability, high quality wheelchair access low-floor vehicles and great value for everyone who wishes to use it."

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "It is good news that the Vale Council has worked with New Adventure Travel to secure this service."

Big moment on stage for young ballet dancers

Caitlin Coles, Seren Cummings and Charlotte Attwell.

THREE young Barry dancers' dreams have come true.

Charlotte Attwell (10) who goes to Barry Island Primary, 14-year-old Seren Cummings (Bryn Hafren) and 12-year-old Caitlin Coles (Ysgol Bro Morgannwg) were selected at an audition in March from over 200 young hopefuls.

They all train at the Nicola Peros Ballet School, and will appear in a new adaptation of *Giselle* at the New Theatre in Cardiff, for three performances from July 25-26 with English Youth Ballet (EYB).

All the young dancers in the cast will dance alongside EYB's international principal artists in a professional production. They will gain an insight into what life is like as a professional ballet dancer.

The young cast are currently with the EYB's principal dancers at Fitzalalan High School in a 10-day intensive rehearsal process. The selected dancers are being inspired and mentored by the principal dancers.

British principal ballerina, Julianne Rice Oxley, said: "The young dancers we are working with in Cardiff have great energy and attack."

Talking about Tommy Cooper ...*JUST LIKE THAT!*

ON June 11, Mr Christopher Bleach spoke to Dinas Powys Probus Club on the life and times of Tommy Cooper, who was born in Caerphilly in 1921 – his house still stands with a blue plaque recording his birth.

The family soon moved to Exeter and later Devon because of his father's ill health, where Tommy became an apprentice boat-builder.

This did not appeal and Tommy joined the Army at the outbreak of war.

He had been given a 'magic kit' by an aunt as a present and this sparked his interest in conjuring, which he developed in the Army, as part of Ensa to entertain troops. After demobilisation, this led to a career in showbusiness, with appearances at The Windmill, doing 28 shows a week.

His agent, with whom he had a life-long love-hate relationship, persuaded him to develop his natural comic genius, aided by his gloomy facial expressions – and his career blossomed.

His famous fez was the result of him forgetting his usual pith helmet before a show in Egypt. He snatched a fez off a passing waiter and it became a legend.

Hawkers in Egypt still sell them to tourists at the same time as doing 'just like that' Cooper impersonations.

After his death, the original was sold for £4,750.

His apparently chaotic conjuring act was the result of intense rehearsal, with his wife Joan directing him.

He appeared in six Royal Variety shows and at one, he asked the Queen if she had any spare Cup Final tickets!

He took on an enormous workload and this, combined with heavy smoking and drinking, led to his death at the age of 63 in 1984, while performing on stage.

Christopher Bleach is president of the Tommy Cooper Society based in Caerphilly, where they have erected a statue in his memory and set up an exhibition of his career.

A vote of thanks was given by Geoff Winter. **CR**

JULIE GOES FROM PORTH TO PERTH

TWO vicars from south Wales are looking forward to sunnier times ahead – with one off to Australia and the other to southern Spain.

Julie Baker

The Rev Julie Baker, who lives in Penarth and is priest vicar at Llandaff Cathedral, is taking up a new ministry post in the parish of Pinjarra, near Perth, while the Rev Pauline Williams, vicar of Baglan, will be the new priest-in-charge of Costa Almeria and Costa Calida in the Diocese of Europe.

Julie will be moving down under with her husband Marcus, 41, a maths teacher at St Cyres School in Penarth, with their two daughters Charlotte (11) and Elizabeth, four.

Originally from Porth, Julie was ordained in 2006, working first as a curate in Barry before becoming priest vicar at Llandaff in 2008, where her work has focused on children and families.

"I managed to stop and think about where I would go next, and suddenly I realised that I didn't have to stay within a 20-mile radius of Llandaff and that God's work is all over the world," said Julie.

"Australia is a place that I have always loved and now a dream is about to become a reality.

"We have family and friends in Australia and I have been there three times – the last time we went as a family in 2010.

"We are all really excited about the move – my husband is going to try his hand at surfing and we are all looking forward to enjoying the outdoor life, with the sea being about 15 miles away.

"We aim to spend lots of time together as a family. We all do martial arts and will continue to do karate together," said Julie, who has just become a black belt.

Meanwhile, Pauline is also looking forward to working and living in a warmer climate, and also plans to hone her skiing ability.

"I love skiing and I can't believe that the Sierra Nevada is located in a corner of my new chaplaincy, it's going to be fantastic to go there to ski."

But first Pauline, 60, who will be moving to Spain with her husband, Noel, 61, a prison officer who plans to retire, has to say her goodbyes to parishioners at her two churches – St Catharine's and St Baglan's.

She has been in Baglan since 2011, moving there from Abercynon where she was part-time priest in charge and also the diocesan children's officer – a joint role she held for five years. Her first post after being ordained in 2002 was as an assistant curate in Bridgend.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

VARIOUS ROADS, CARDIFF AIRPORT

(VARIOUS PROHIBITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS TO VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS)

(ANTI-TERRORISM) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2013

The Vale of Glamorgan Council, following the recommendation of the Chief Constable of Police, and in exercise of its powers as Highway Authority under Sections 14(1) and 22C of the Road traffic regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, for the purposes of avoiding, reducing, or reducing the likelihood of, danger connected with terrorism, intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an order the general effect of which will be to introduce prohibitions, restrictions and limitations in those locations and during those times specified below:

Pursuant to the powers afforded by section 22C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the use of the public highway, by all classes of user, with the exception of use by a) vehicles of the Emergency Services or b) other classes of user to be agreed with the Chief Constable South Wales Police in the interests of Airport Security and Public safety will be limited as shown by temporary markings, physical barriers and signs in so far as such use may be restricted by the above Act.

The powers described above may be exercised so such an extent that any provision of any existing Permanent Order, or the provisions of this Temporary Order, may, be commenced, suspended, varied or revived during its duration.

Except as provided by this Order:

No person shall proceed on foot or cause or permit any vehicle or cycle to proceed, stop or wait at any time, in the location specified within the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE

Location	All roads between the roundabout where the airport access road meets the A4226/B4265 and the junctions where the two airport access roads meet Port Road.
Reason	These prohibitions, restrictions and limitations are made for the purpose of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads; avoiding, reducing, or reducing the likelihood of, danger connected with terrorism or for a purpose relating to danger or damage connected with terrorism (as defined in Section 1 of the Terrorism Act 2000).
Duration	From 18.01 hours on 30th July 2013 for a maximum period of 18 Months.
Alt. Route	The diversions for south east bound traffic will be from the roundabout adjacent to the Aircraft Maintenance Facility, then in a south easterly direction along the A4226 to the roundabout at the junction with Port Road then in a south westerly direction along Port Road, to the Airport and vice-versa.

Dated this 4th day of July 2013

M. E. Punter,
Head of Visible Services & Housing,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
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WESTMINSTER CUTS BRING MORE BUDGET GLOOM FOR WALES

THE Welsh economy has suffered greatly following the global recession; sluggish growth has been compounded by significant cuts to our capital budget by the UK Government, with no better news for Wales in the Spending Review announcements last week, apart from the welcome prospects of an announcement soon, on the M4 and the Silk Commission.

That was the message I gave to a packed seminar this week,which was focusing on our infrastructure needs in Wales.

But I went on to say that we are determined, as a Welsh Government, to boost our investment with new ways of financing capital projects, such as schools and housing, as well as our roads and transport infrastructure.

To clarify what the Chancellor's statement last week means for Wales, he announced that there would be a 2 per cent cut between 2014 and 2016 and overall, our budget in 2015-16 will be £280m lower in real terms than in 2014-15.

These cuts come on top of those we have already had to manage since 2010.

So, by 2015-16, our Welsh Government budget will be lower by £1.680m in real terms than it was in 2010-11.

I have called – and will continue to call – on the UK Government to increase capital budgets to boost infrastructure investment to stimulate the economy.

However, our capital funding allocation from the UK Government is now set at £1.46bn for this spending round, of which £179m has been earmarked for financial transactions – i.e. to be repaid.

We will have £4bn less capital available over the next 10 years than we had in the last decade. As I said at the seminar, spending money wisely on our infrastructure, is one of three main ways government can contribute to growth and jobs.

Assembly Notes

by Vale AM
JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

The World Economic Forum 2012 describes it as 'critical to economic progress'.

The Civil Engineering Contractors Association has noted that for every 1,000 jobs created in infrastructure construction, employment as a whole rises by just over 3,000 jobs.

Last year, I launched our Wales Infrastructure Plan for Growth and Jobs, and I have already reported on the first year of progress in investing around £1.3bn additional investment in our top priorities – transport, flood protection, telecommunications, energy ,Enterprise Zones, housing, schools and health.

In the short term, we estimate that this investment will create around 8,000 jobs during construction phases – in the longer term they will boost growth and improve our public services.

Our investment includes those new ways of financing that are helping us build more social housing, working with local authorities like the Vale Council to improve roads and build new schools. But we need to have 'borrowing powers' ourselves as a Welsh Government and we await an announcement from the UK Government that these will be approved in response to the cross-party Silk Commission, which reported last year.

I recently reported on the importance of our European Structural Investment Funds to help boost our economy and enhance the skills and employment opportunities of our young people through apprenticeships and our successful Jobs Growth Wales programme for 16-25 year olds.

Last week, negotiations on the EU Budget were concluded, leading to a welcome announcement of just over £2bn being made available for Wales, with a favourable regional distribution between west Wales and the Valleys, and east Wales – where the Vale is located.

I was able to congratulate Derek Vaughan MEP for the key role he has played in securing this result, working with the Welsh Government to make the case for Wales.

Tackling Poverty through sustainable employment will play a key part in the delivery of these funds.

Dinas Powys cannabis grower destroys shed

THE garden shed where a jobless Dinas Powys man repeatedly grew cannabis plants is no more, *writes AJ SICLUNA*.

Simon Redclift, 53, Cardiff Crown Court heard, has demolished the structure, burnt much of it, and removed all the debris.

His counsel, Hywel Hughes, said: "He has broken the link between his misuse of drugs and that shed, which occupied his whole lifestyle."

Redclift, of St Ivor Place, had at an earlier hearing admitted producing cannabis and possessing cannabis with intent.

The court was told he had previous convictions for using the shed to grow cannabis.

Judge David Wynn Morgan had adjourned sentence for a possible order to be made for the structure to be demolished.

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said the cannabis plants had a possible yield worth up to £20,000.

He was sentenced to 32 weeks imprisonment, suspended for two years, and made subject to a six-month electronically tagged 8pm to 8am curfew.

The Judge said that a report indicated that the shed had been a significant space for Redclift to grow the drug without disturbing his family.

But now, he said, by demolishing the shed he had taken the matter into his own hands and indicated a change of attitude.

He said the shed was nothing more than a cannabis factory and Redclift had to be punished for his fourth conviction for growing the drug.

He also said Redclift had refused to co-operate with the probation service and therefore a community order would have been a waste of time.

Earlier, Mr Hughes said: "Redclift had been alive to the thinking of the court, and certain options were discussed and the shed had been demolished."

A solicitor had visited the site, which was now completely clear.

Mr Hughes added that a compelling aspect of the case was that Redclift had abandoned the misuse of cannabis, and thus the whole spectrum regarding sentencing options had changed.

"He has deprived himself of the property and in a way has sentenced himself," said Mr Hughes.

Friendship club enjoys food fun!

WIMBLEDON fortnight fell at the right time for the June meeting of the Cowbridge Friendship Club – as traditionally it's the time for strawberries and cream – and that's what members were looking forward to.

First, members were split into two teams and it was a case of which team had the best touch, smell and taste.

Both teams did extremely well when they had to name the various items by touch, then it came to smell – which ranged from garlic, lavender, mint and chives. One team certainly excelled with the sense of smell and when it came to taste various flavours of crisps had to be sampled.

Team B were the outright winners, whereas Team A, although they had all the right flavours, unfortunately they were all in the wrong order!

Thankfully, not too many crisps were sampled, which left room for the afternoon tea and (of course) the strawberries and cream – which were enjoyed by all.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month when we have a variety of activities so if you or someone you know would like to join, please ring 01656 668446 to find out more.

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Vale Brass Band in Normandy festival

FOR the second successive year, the Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band was asked to represent the Vale at 'Estivoiles', the festival of music held at Fecamp in Normandy.

This involved marching through the very busy market and giving two concerts. The first was attended by the Mayor of the Vale (Coun Margaret Wilkinson).

A friendship was also formed with a small, humorous and very loud German band from Rheinfelden, called D'maximale, who joined the Vale Band for part of the second concert. Both the Vale and Rheinfelden are twinned with Fecamp.

The musical director, Mr Dave Short, was unable to accompany the band this year, so it was ably conducted by Mr Jeremy Meddous-Taylor.

PACT meetings

BARUC PACT, July 8 at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, at 7pm.

COWBRIDGE PACT, July 8 at The Fire Station, Cowbridge, at 7pm.

DINAS POWYS PACT, July 8 at St Mary's Church Hall, Edith Road, Dinas Powys, at 7pm.

SULLY PACT, July 11 at Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully, at 8.15pm.

PACT COFFEE AND CHAT, July 16 at The Red Lion, Bonvilston, at 11.30am.

ST AUGUSTINES PACT public meeting, July 17 at The Windsor Public House at 7pm.

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, July 17 at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre at 7pm.

STANWELL PACT, July 19 at The Pod, St Lukes Avenue, at 6pm.

CADOC PACT, July 24 at Palmerston Community and Learning Centre, at 6pm.

COURT PACT, Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry, on July 25 at 6pm.

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It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Branch Manager Phil Powell feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.'

Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, RCT and Pontneath areas and Phil is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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'Make views known on old St Cyres site'

LAST week an open exhibition in Dinas Powys displayed plans for a new medical centre in Dinas Powys on the old St Cyres school site.

Alun Cairns, the MP for the Vale, said he was keen that local residents should make their views known to the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board which is proposing the new centre.

Following feedback from local residents, Mr Cairns said he was aware that a new medical centre and doctor's surgery, with extended NHS services, is needed and would be welcomed. The location of the new centre is, he believes,a moot point.

He explained: "Local residents are keen to benefit from a new medical centre for their healthcare needs on a day to day basis.

"However, I understand from concerns raised by constituents that there may be more suitable solutions in terms of the location of the medical centre.

"Access to the St Cyres site is a great concern to many – the location of the proposed medical centre is not on a bus route and with its position at the top of a steep hill, would be impossible to reach by elderly or patients with mobility issues.

"An option that I have heard discussed would be to consider moving the junior – and possibly infant – school up to the former comprehensive school site.

"This would then free up a large allocation of land in the Murch area which is on the flat, much closer to greater number of residents and other local facilities and easily accessible to many in the community.

"Other concerns are based on traffic issues, particularly if proposed housing developments are accepted by the council.

"Residents of Murch Road and Murch Crescent would be deeply perturbed by increased traffic throughout the day and early evening.

"As a school site the volume of traffic was restricted to the start and end of the school day. Dinas Powys residents need to make sure they make their views and any concerns known to the UHB and the Vale Council."

SIX CONFIRMED BY BISHOP AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Bishop David Wimbourne is pictured with the newly-confirmed group at All Saints Church.

FAMILY, friends and church members gathered at All Saints Church, Penarth, on Sunday, June 23, to witness the confirmation of six members of All Saints and one from Penmark.

Presiding was the Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, Bishop David Wimbourne (above).

Festival tea

As part of the Penarth Summer Festival, there will be a cream tea with musical accompaniment at All Saints Church, from 3pm – 5.30pm at a cost of £4 for adults and £2.50 for children.

All proceeds go towards the renovation project at All Saints. All are welcome. For more information, visit *www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk*.

Sara's courage is honoured at the Senedd

AT a prestigious ceremony in the Senedd, Sara Grinter – from Cadoxton in Barry – was the winner of two awards presented by the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, who hosted the event organised by the Cardiff and Vale health branch of UNISON.

Awards given to NHS staff working for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board include the 'Above and Beyond' Award; the 'Best Cost Saving Idea'; the 'Approach towards Partnership', and an 'Education Award,' which was won by Sara Grinter.

Sara was described by her colleagues as "an exceptional, inspirational young woman and a leader in every sense of the word."

Sara's path to education has not always been smooth, due to her health, but she has overcome all of this and is now enrolling in a law degree for February 2014 with the Open University.

She is currently training for the 10k obstacle race to raise funds for Velindre Hospital, and has become a Union learning rep with UNISON.

An award was also presented to Coun Stuart Egan, who won the UNISON Special Achievement Award for his services to the trade union movement, presented by Roger McKenzie Assistant General Secretary.

Model club's day gets a thumbs up

ABOVE:
Big Bear the Volunteer Lifeboat bear and Captain Cod will be entertaining visitors.

BARRY Model Boat Club is holding a RNLI Appeal Day at the Cold Knap Lake Barry, this Sunday, July 7, from 10am till 4pm.

A club spokesman reports: "On display will be the Barry Inshore Lifeboat with RNLI Crew Members in attendance, so come along and meet your local heroes.

"There will be scale model lifeboats and various other craft sailing the water throughout the day.

"Also making appearances at various times will be Big Bear the volunteer lifeboat bear and Captain Cod – up to his antics no doubt.

"So come along, bring the family for a pleasant day out, and watch out for some surprises!"

History in the air at Penarth talk

BRITAIN'S biggest air museum in Duxford, near Cambridge, will be the subject of an illustrated talk by John Wilmot at Penarth Aviation Society's meeting this Friday, July 5.

Penarth Aviation Society meets on the first Friday of each month at the Penarth Conservative Club, at 7.45pm for 8pm. Visitors are welcome.

Further information from David Ephraim on 01446 721321. **YT**

Barrivale Bridge Club / *results*

RESULTS from Barrivale for June 25:

1st, Mike Close and Mick Green 62.92 per cent; =2nd, Diana Kendrick and Cynthia Luen and Ann Macdougall and Sean Macdougall 57.92. Diana and Cynthia won on handicap.

New members are always welcome. Telephone 01446 418380, or 01446 733425; or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road , Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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Notice is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to lease a section of land having an area of approximately 0.02 hectares (208.5 square metres) at Dyfan Road, Barry which consists or forms part of an open space to the Witchell Hall Community Association.

The land will be fenced and incorporated into the old scout hall site for use as an outdoor area in connection with the newly proposed community hall for that site.

A plan identifying the land to be leased may be examined at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU during normal office hours.

Objections to the intended lease must be made in writing, stating the grounds for such objection and addressed to the Head of Legal Services, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU (quoting the reference JSH/C06-1108) by no later than 25 July 2013.

Dated: 4th July 2013

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Head of Legal Services

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In hard times, the Vale needs a better deal...

Vale MP **Alun Cairns** reports to GEM readers

LAST week, the Chancellor announced his Spending Review for 2015/16, which needed to address some difficult issues.

When this Government came into power, it had to address one of the biggest economic crises since the Second World War.

While it is never straightforward, Britain is moving out of intensive care – from rescue to recovery.

It shows how the Government will continue to cut the deficit. It prioritises investment in infrastructure to equip Britain to compete in the global race, and it ensures fairness for people who work hard and want to get on by further reforming welfare and capping welfare spending.

Although the deficit has been cut by a third since the election, more needs to be done. In spite of the cuts that have taken place over that time, we are still borrowing £8.8 billion a year (down from the forecast £12.2billion).

Cuts to Wales are to be two per cent over three years and the Welsh Government block grant for 2015-16 will remain the same as for 2014-2015, at £13.6 billion.

In reality, the Welsh funding levels in comparison with England will increase slightly over the next three years.

At long last, I was delighted that a commitment has been given to build a new motorway south of Newport. This is long overdue and is the gateway to business across south Wales.

It was cancelled twice over the last 15 years. I have been reassured that this time, it will be built.

S4C was suspected as a possible casualty in the spending review but I was delighted that its budget was protected. In fact, it is the only part of the culture budget that has not been cut.

This was a win for the Welsh Conservative MPs who worked hard as a team to push for absolute continued commitment to the Welsh TV channel by the UK Government.

At a local level, however, we should not accept that it is the cuts by central government that are causing a squeeze on services.

Yes, there are ways for delivering the same or even better services in a more efficient way.

But, if the Vale received its fair share of the cake, we would receive at least an extra £25.6 million a year – if we were to receive the same level of funding as Cardiff.

The Vale Council receives £202 less per person than is granted to Cardiff and £226 less per person than is given to Bridgend.

When lack of funding is used as a reason to cut back services locally, the reality is very different. The Vale does not get its fair share from the Welsh Government.

I think that we deserve the same level of funding as Cardiff. We are being short changed.

After all, it costs the same to build a school here in the Vale as it does in any other community in Wales. The cost of a teacher or resurfacing a road is much the same in each part of Wales.

The Vale Council doesn't need to see any cutbacks to its services. All we need is our fair share of the cake.

CABARET, CAVATINA, AND STRAWBERRIES!

THE large audience attending the Cavatina Singers' concert at All Saints' Church, Victoria Square, Penarth enjoyed a triple treat on Saturday afternoon.

Invited guest was 'All That Malarkey' – an extremely versatile cabaret ensemble of classically trained singers from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama – and they didn't disappoint!

Comprising four talented singers – Amy, Frances, Colin and Eleias, and their director David George Harrington at the piano, the audience were wowed by some brilliantly arranged well known, popular and less well known pieces.

The second treat was Cavatina Singers performing short works, conducted by their director Victoria Pilley and accompanied on the piano by Matthew Green.

Pieces by Edward Elgar, John Rutter, Rodgers and Hart and others ranged from 'Gaelic Blessing', 'I will Sing with the Spirit', 'Blue Moon', 'Torrents in Summer' to 'I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside'! All of which were well received by the audience.

The third treat was a strawberry and cream tea following the concert – an innovation for a Cavatina Singers' concert – but suiting the fine and entertaining summer afternoon which we were privileged to enjoy. If the amount of strawberries, scones and cream consumed was anything to go by, it was an undoubted success!

Cavatina Singers will now enjoy a well-earned summer recess and will reconvene in September. To find out more about the choir, visit the website www.cavatinasingers.org.uk or contact the Secretary on 029 2051 2054. **NL**

Llandow tea gives charity £1,200 boost

LOVELY weather and delicious local strawberries were a perfect combination at a strawberry tea held in Llandow village hall on Saturday, June 8.

The event was held in aid of Breast Cancer Care and raised just over £1,200.

The hall and grounds were totally transformed and beautifully decked out in a haze of pink by local resident Clive Cook.

It provided an ideal setting to enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea.

Hereford-based soft fruit firm, S&A Produce (UK) Ltd, who recently took over Springfield nursery in Llandow supplied the strawberries for the tea.

The local MP Alun Cairns and ITV news presenter Jonathan Hill opened the event.

Colin and Spice, two local retired donkeys, also made guest appearances and revelled in the attention they received during the afternoon.

Sally Harrop said: "I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped and supported this very successful event."

Village festival

On Saturday (July 6), the annual Llanmaes Festival takes place on the village green between 12 noon and 5pm, in conjunction with the Blacksmith's Arms beer and cider festival.

There will be traditional games, craft stalls, and a dog show; free admission.

Choir's concert

WITH Independence Day falling on July 4, St Donats Arts Centre's resident choir celebrates this Saturday (July 6) with a star-spangled programme of music from and about America starting at 7.30pm.

Biodiversity champion

THE Vale Council's cabinet has appointed Barry councillor and environmental campaigner, Rob Curtis, as its first 'biodiversity champion'.

He said he will have a key role in ensuring that biodiversity is considered in all council functions and in its decision making processes.

'The Vale is missing out on millions of pounds'

'I'M REALLY ALARMED' – SAYS MP

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

THE Vale is one of the poorest funded council areas by the Welsh Government, the local MP has said.

Alun Cairns claims it is missing out to the tune of millions of pounds a year compared to neighbouring councils such as Bridgend and Cardiff.

"I've been really alarmed," he told The GEM.

But the Welsh Government countered Mr Cairns' assertion, arguing that other areas had greater needs and pointing out assessments were made before allocating funds.

Nearly three quarters of all 'council spend' is received directly from the Welsh Government.

Mr Cairns said he requested research data from the House of Commons library, asking it to establish the total money that the Welsh Government distributes to all councils in terms of a 'per person' spend.

He said: "The Vale receives £202 less per person than is granted to Cardiff and £226 less per person than is given to Bridgend.

"If these figures were multiplied up to a total, according to our population, the council could have an additional £25.6m to spend year in year out if the Vale received the same level of funding as Cardiff.

"If the Vale was funded to the same level as Bridgend, the Vale would receive an additional £28.6m each year.

"I've been really alarmed and disappointed that the figures for 2012-2013 funding shows that year on year, the Vale has lost out once again. The difference is stark.

"When lack of funding is used as a reason to cut back services, the reality is very different.

He insisted: "We don't get our fair share. I am not asking for the same level of funding as some of the most deprived parts of Wales but I think it is completely unfair when Cardiff receives £202 more per person.

"The least we deserve is the same level of funding as Cardiff. We are being short changed."

Mr Cairns said that what particularly concerned him was that the disparity in funding between the Vale and other areas was growing.

"The shortfall is getting wider. Last year, Cardiff received £126 extra per person. This year, the gap has grown to £202. This is simply wrong.

"After all, it costs the same to pay to build a school here in the Vale as it does in any other community in Wales.

"The cost of a teacher or resurfacing a road is much the same in each part of Wales.

"There is a need for further school investment locally and a secondary school would cost up to £20m.

"If we were funded the same as Bridgend, the Vale could build a new school every year."

Mr Cairns said it was time the Welsh Government treated the Vale fairly.

"I wrote last year to the Assembly's Finance Minister asking her to review local government funding, and I call on others to voice their concerns.

"These differences have developed over years and enough is enough.

"I urge people to stand up and complain to the Welsh Government and their finance chiefs. This isn't good enough.

"The Vale Council doesn't need to see any cutbacks to its services. All we need is our fair share of the cake."

ASSEMBLY RESPONSE

A Welsh Government spokeswoman pointed out that other Welsh areas had greater needs.

"There is a long-established principle that central government funding is distributed to local government on the basis of relative need to spend.

"Welsh Government funding for local authorities is determined using a formula which takes into account the needs of a local authority, according to the demographic, physical and social characteristics of each area, such as population, pupil numbers, measures of deprivation and rurality."

The spokeswoman added: "The formula is reviewed and updated every year in detailed consultation with local government."

Barry RAF man's novel takes flight

A RETIRED RAF Group Captain from Barry has written his first novel.

Ron Powell explained: "My novel, *Wings Over Summer,* takes place at RAF Biggin Hill over 14 days at the height of the Battle of Britain.

"The two main characters are 22-year old, Jack, a brave and experienced pilot from Barry, and Alex, a perpetually scared 19-year old fresh out of training."

During his 32 years in the RAF, Ron says he taught hundreds of young men and women to fly, including some at St Athan, where he commanded the University of Wales Air Squadron.

Many have gone on to great things, but he's often wondered how they, and he, would have coped in the summer of 1940.

"Could I, like Jack and Alex, have carried on flying every day, witnessing the death and disfigurement of friends and enemies, and wrestling with the knowledge that the same could happen to me at any moment. Thankfully, I never had to find out."

He continued: "During my RAF career, I was lucky enough to meet several Battle of Britain veterans, and I interviewed one as part of my research for *Wings Over Summer*. With the 75th anniversary of the Battle approaching, I hope more than anything that my book will stand as a fitting tribute to their bravery."

Wings Over Summer is available as an e-book or paperback from Amazon, and the first chapter can be read on Ron's website: http://www.ronpowell.co.uk..

Police drugs raid

A police raid on four addresses in Barry resulted in three arrests and a quantity of drugs being recovered.

They said that the aim of Operation Forfar was to target and disrupt the supply of mephedrone and that a 40-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A and B drugs after a quantity of drugs and cash were seized at a house in Barry.

A 38-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possessing a class B drug and both men are currently on police bail, pending further enquiries.

A 40-year-old man was charged with possession of a class B drug and has been bailed to appear before Cardiff Magistrates on July 17.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Festival names its first sponsor

HSBC has been confirmed as the first Cowbridge Food and Drink sponsor for the 2013 festival on October 26-27.

Polly Wilson, the festival's event manager, said: "HSBC has been instrumental in the smooth running of the festival since it started in 2004 with support on the ticket booths.

"However, this year they have increased their involvement as sponsor of the new ticketing system at the festival.

"Over the years, the organisers have received feedback that visitors want more for their entry fee, and are encouraging Cowbridge town traders to offer 'extras' to those who have paid to get into the festival – discounts, free entry, or a drink perhaps.

"If any retailer has any ideas for promoting their business in this way over the weekend, please contact Tracy at tracy@cowbridgefoodanddrink.org who can start tweeting and promoting your activity.

"HSBC's sponsorship has enabled the festival to move to a clearly visible wristband entry system, rather than the usual hand stamp making it clear to traders who to offer their benefits to."

Day tickets are £5 each (under 12s free entry) and the weekend pass makes a welcome return at £8.

The chair of the festival committee, John Davies, said: "HSBC has been such a great help for years and this development means that we can really encourage the town traders to get involved and draw in our visitors to see what the town offers year round.

"Funding of festivals is getting more and more difficult to secure and we welcome any interest in corporate sponsorship to secure the future of the festival."

Award-winning Tiffin Rasoi's healthy future

A business in Holton Road, Barry, Tiffin Rasoi, has landed its second award in the space of just a few months.

Late last year, the owner,, Mr Motiur Rahman, was recognised as a finalist in the British Curry Awards for 'Best Delivery Takeaway' – that has now been followed up by winning 'Takeaway of the Year' in the South Wales Food and Drink Awards 2013'.

Mr Rahman said: "The Welsh award was very welcome, because we were nominated by customers for the food, the menu and service, and then checked out by the judges."

He opened up Tiffin Rasoi four and a half years ago and says his success is down to responding to what the customers want.

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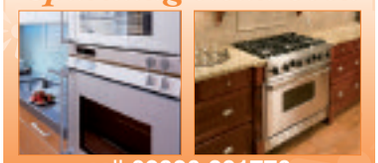
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Bearback Riders saddle up for a new cycle challenge in America!

FOLLOWING the success of the Velindre California Bike Rides last September, a brand new bike adventure will be officially launched today on American Independence Day (the Fourth of July) at the Mochyn Du in Cardiff.

After previously conquering the west coast of America by cycling from Yosemite to San Francisco, Vale-based Bearback Riders are saddling up the East Coast Bike Challenge with a 515km ride in five days from Boston to New York in September 2014.

The ride will begin in the capital of New England and one of America's oldest cities – Boston – and then travel through colonial villages, rolling hills and seaside towns along the Atlantic coast. After five days of gruelling cycling, the ride will finish by crossing the iconic Brooklyn Bridge in New York.

Julian Hitchcock of the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, said: "We had an amazing time in California last September, a really tough ride made worthwhile because the Bearback Riders, consisting of Geoff and Isabel Graham, Paul and Caroline Hole, Marianne and Louise England and Esther, Freddie and Lydia Hitchcock and me, managed to raise nearly £50,000 for Velindre.

ABOVE: The Bearback riders now aim to conquer east coast USA.

"This new route looks equally, if not more of a challenge, so the Bearback Riders will ride again!"

Andrew Morris, head of fundraising at Velindre, said: "Interest in the East Coast Bike Challenge has been incredible – we can take 50 cyclists on each ride and the first one has filled already! We are now signing up cyclists for the ride from September 16-23, and if anyone would like to find out more, they can join us at the launch next Thursday, just call Velindre on 02920 316211 to register."

Former Welsh rugby star, Mike Hall, who has completed the Captains' Climb of Kilimanjaro and the California Bike Ride, said: "Last year's ride was an amazing experience and I'm really looking forward to meeting new riders at the launch next Thursday.

"The itinerary for the East Coast Bike Ride looks like another serious challenge and just like last year, we will be hosting a specially themed Gala Ball, which completely sold out at the Cardiff City Stadium – it was a great night and raised an enormous sum."

The first ride will be led by Welsh rugby legend, Jonathan Davies, who has again decided to don his cycling shorts.. He said: "The California Bike Ride was supposed to be a one off. I was celebrating a special birthday and wanted to use the occasion to raise funds for Velindre, where I'm president. I led the bike ride, along with and Martyn Williams and Mike Hall, and we ended up with over 50 riders.

"The whole event was an absolutely fantastic experience, very tough cycling but with great company and most importantly of all we raised an enormous sum for Velindre. So when I saw this new itinerary for the Boston New York Ride, it looked so good that I thought – why not!"

The East Coast Bike Challenge is a 515km ride from Boston to New York on September 8-15 and 16-23, 2014. The entry fee for the Ride is £200, and participants will be required to raise a minimum of £5,000 in sponsorship.

For further details, contact: info@velindrefundraising.com, or ring 029 2031 6211, www.velindrefundraising.com.

Charity concert will be in memory of Ray Murray

AN evening of choral singing in Cowbridge tomorrow (Friday, July 5) will be held in memory of a popular local man – Ray Murray.

Prostate Cymru's inaugural choral night will be an evening of high quality music and song – dedicated to Ray, who was the charity's founder and chairman.

The Bridgend Male Choir will join Pendoylan School Choir in Cowbridge Leisure Centre to perform a range of songs, from classic Welsh hymns to music from the shows.

A spokesman for Prostate Cymru said: "All the money from the concert goes towards funding the Green Light Laser equipment at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, and to fund robotic surgery in Wales."

The charity Glaze was formed by Ray and Lyn Murray, and Andy Thomas, its trustees, 10 years ago and has raised more than half a million pounds.

This was to bring Green Light Laser surgery to Wales, as the technique made a huge difference to men needing surgery to reduce the size of an enlarged prostate.

Glaze has now been incorporated into Prostate Cymru and a small team of dedicated ambassadors raise money in various ways.

Prostate Cymru is also campaigning to bring robotic surgery to Wales – a technique that makes a difference to operations for prostate cancer.

At the moment, men in Wales who need such surgery have to have it in England, and pay £13,000! Men in England can get it free on the NHS.

The spokesman said: "Sadly, Prostate Cymru's chairman Ray Murray passed away last month. The charity thought it appropriate to mark his hard work and dedication over 10 years, by renaming the concert the 'Ray Murray Inaugural Concert'.

"Ray worked tirelessly for the charity over the past decade, starting it in the front room of his house and making it a body with national recognition."

The show at Cowbridge Leisure Centre aims to raise cash for the charity but is also a 'Bon Voyage' for 13 intrepid explorers who are heading to South America to conquer its highest summits.

Led by charity trustee, Andy Thomas and former Welsh internationals Bob Norster and Eddie Butler, they will be climbing five volcanoes in Ecuador – to raise funds for Prostate Cymru.

The hikers who will also climb, Chimborazo, Ecuador's highest mountain – which towers 21,000 feet!

The spokesman added: "Bob and Ed have faced many southern hemisphere challenges on the pitch – but this will see them take southern hemisphere danger to a new level."

Bridgend Male Choir is conducted by Rhiannon Williams-Hale, and the Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School Choir is conducted by Debra Jones.

The evening promises to provide a feast of music by amateur singers with a professional touch. Tickets are available at HSBC and Xantippe, Cowbridge, and The News Shop and Porters Estate Agents, Bridgend, priced £7 and £4.50 for seniors and children under 15.

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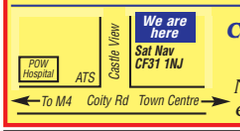

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Rhws Primary summer fayre

A SUMMER fayre will take place this Friday, July 5, from 3pm-6pm at Rhws Primary School.

There will be a disco, bouncy castles, face painting and tattoos, so plenty to keep the children occupied while you chill out and enjoy a refreshing glass of Pimms or wine. Browse the many stalls and enjoy a tasty burger or hot dog.

Proceeds from the fayre will go towards buying ten mini iPads for the children to use in the classrooms.

Plaid advice

RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery to discuss any council issues or concerns by Couns Dr Ian Johnson, Steffan Wiliam, Nic and Shirley Hodges, joined by the Barry Plaid Cymru team at the County Library, King Square, Barry, from 11am-12pm on Saturday (July 6). No appointments necessary.

A Plaid councillors' coffee morning will be held on July 6 in Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys from 11am-noon.

Open University

THE Open University is holding an information day at Cowbridge Library on Saturday (July 6) from 10am-2pm.

For more information, contact www.openuniversity.co.uk/atyourlibrary

Fun day

DINAS Powys Infants School is holding a family fun day this Saturday (July 6) from 1pm-3pm in the school.

Street surgery

INDEPENDENT councillors Richard and Robert Bertin are holding a street surgery between 10am-11am on Saturday, July 6 in the Gibbonsdown Rise area of Barry.

For further information, telephone 01446 736227 or email rjbertin@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Cabinet questions

THE Vale Council's cabinet will hold a community question and answer session in Llandough on Monday, July 8 from 7.15pm-8.30pm, in the Llandough and Leckwith War Memorial Institute.

Floral society

'A Musical Interlude' is the title of a floral demonstration to be given by Margaret Walker of Cheltenham to members and friends of the Barry Floral Society at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 9.

The meeting will take place at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry commencing at 2.15pm.

New members are always welcome.

Fibromyalgia Support

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Support Group is on Tuesday, July 9 (11am-1pm).

Call Gaynor for more details on 01446 733315.

Charity fair

THERE will be a summer fair in the Paget Rooms, Penarth, on Saturday, July 13 in aid of Cancer Research UK, at 10.15am; admission 50p, to include tea/coffee and biscuits. Usual stalls – cakes and savouries, white elephant, preserves, raffle and others.

Scout jumble

THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group holds a jumble sale at 1.30pm on Saturday, July 13, at the Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys. Admission 50p.

Cadstock in the park

FOLLOWING the success of last year's free festival, Victoria Park, Cadoxton, will be rocking again over the weekend of July 13-14 to Cadstock 2013, when 10 bands will be taking to the stage.

The entertainment starts at 1pm on each day, with 'attic/shed rock innovators' Them Dead Beats launching the festival on Saturday, followed by Green Haze – Barry's tribute to Green Day.

Also taking part are The Hindenburgs, Stonehouse, and special guests Eric Unseen.

Sunday kicks off with Seafall, followed by local band Back To November, Outback, and King Paul and the Zeronoughts (with a guest appearance from a famous Barry bass player).

The festival closes with Barry's favourite sons, The Underdogs.

For further information, email jgreatrex@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Anniversary service

BETHESDA'R Fro with Ebenezer's anniversary service on July 21 at 3pm will be taken by Mr Clive Curtis from Cardiff.

On October 5, Mrs Christine Roberts from Barry will be taking the Harvest Festival service.

'Proud Prams' is back

A CLASS set up to encourage parents in North Cornelly to do more talking and walking with their babies is making a return.

'Proud Prams' sessions are being run for the next two weeks by Bridgend County Borough Council's Flying Start team at Afon y Felin Primary School from July 4 to July 11 between 10am-11.30am.

Flying Start is a Welsh Government-funded initiative which aims to provide support for families in disadvantaged areas to improve children's development, health and wellbeing in preparation for school.

Call Shelly-Ann Scourfield-Jones on 01656 815032 for details.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D781.

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Evil villain animation is fun for all the family

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BEING a villain always seems to be more fun than being the hero. A casual attitude to justice, grandiose evil schemes and a gigantic lair full of all manner of interesting things – what's not to love about that?

That idea was the basis for 2010's *Despicable Me,* which saw arch-villain Gru's plans to steal the moon scuppered by his newfound love for three girls he adopted as part of his nefarious plan.

Huge box-office meant that a second outing was a certainty, and so *Despicable Me 2* hits cinemas, which sees the newly-reformed Gru (voiced by Steve Carell), now a father to the three girls, hired by the Anti-Villain League to work alongside one of their top agents Lucy (voiced by Kristen Wiig) to track down a serum that, in the wrong hands, could have devastating consequences.

Of course, with three girls to look after, and his infamous minions nipping at his heels, the task is anything but straightforward...

Animated sequels, much like their live-action brethren, are notoriously difficult to get right; most of the time, an increase in spectacle and boundary-pushing sacrifices the good feeling generated from a film's first outing.

It is a condition that doesn't affect *Despicable Me 2*, a film that builds on the goodwill of that first outing and, while hardly breaking new ground in terms of its story, builds on it, creating an easily watchable and highly amusing slice of cinematic entertainment.

The selling point of the franchise has been Gru's minions, a gaggle of small yellow characters speaking what sounds like pidgeon French and showing themselves to be severely shorn in the brains department.

If you find these little guys funny, then you'll be more than comfortable here, the film hanging on their actions when the pacing sags, and their antics hit the funny bone square on.

With their slapstick-style comedy, they follow in the tradition of the aliens from *Toy Story* – cute, engaging and hilarious, something that applies to the other characters as well, even if the story doesn't make the most of the potential that's there.

It teases at ideas either unused or underdone – one of the girls' love of violence, Gru's shunning of his previous life as a villain, the lack of a mother in the girls' lives.

The actual story, a predictable one with an espionage tint, is shorn of any surprise or suspense, but carried by the goodwill of the characters, it just about works, and the younger audience will hardly panic about the straightforward 'A to B' nature of the narrative.

The vocal cast are all on top form; Steve Carell, in particular, once again delivering the comedic goods as Gru, with only Kristen Wiig's vocal stylings not quite working as the agent working alongside Gru, feeling flat and a little forced.

The film looks tremendous, the CGI animation giving the film a beautiful visual look accentuated by directors Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud (who – fact alert! – also voice the minions) with the 3D well worth indulging in, the filmmakers making the most of the extra dimension in some clever ways.

Simplistic story aside, *Despicable Me 2* is a breezy, pleasing film that works for the whole family, retaining the charm that made the first so appealing, it is a wonderful effort.

VERDICT: Hugely amusing and charming, *Despicable Me 2* is a case of a sequel matching its progenitor. While the story is a touch flat and predictable, the comedy and magic of the minions mean that it won't factor too greatly come the end credits (which are worth staying for!). *Recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Despicable Me* (2010), *Kung Fu Panda* (2008).

Dancing display

THE annual garden party and dancing display by Moya Vahey School of Russian Classical Ballet and the Ella Morgan School of Russian Classical Ballet, will be held at the Old Hall Gardens, Cowbridge, on Sunday, July 14 at 3pm, when a collection will be made in aid of cancer research.

Hospice fete is back!

SATURDAY, August 3, is a red letter day for the annual garden party and fete at Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth.

There will be entertainment from the New Orleans Parade Band, singing from local children's theatre group, Big Talent, as well as the usual face painting, children's games, a tasty barbecue courtesy of hospice chef Graham White and his team, a raffle with the chance to win some great prizes, and the stalls packed with bargains.

The gate will be opened at 12.30pm and admission is £1 for adults, who will be entered into a lucky programme draw with the chance of winning a mystery prize; children are admitted free.

Deborah Hooper, hospice fundraising assistant said: "Last year, we were sad to cancel the garden party as the hospice was closed during the summer while it underwent a big refurbishment.

"We are thrilled to be organising it this year, as it's such a popular event among the community in Penarth and the Vale of Glamorgan."

Anyone wishing to have a stall or to donate unwanted good quality gifts can call into the fundraising office at the hospice or telephone 02920 426068 or email *deborah.hopper@mariecurie.org.uk*

£2,000 raised for Diabetes support

ALMOST £2,000 was raised for charity at the Vale Hotel, Hensol, at the annual dinner and dance attended by local members of the Building and Engineering Services Association (B&ES).

The £1,915 raised will be donated to Diabetes UK, the nominated charity of B&ES president Sue Sharp.

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Day Trips for 2013

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24/07/2013	Wednesday	Royal Welsh Show (Coach Only)	£12.00	£11.00
25/07/2013	Thursday	Cotswolds Villages - Day Trip	£11.95	£10.95
27/07/2013	Saturday	Weston Super Mare	£12.00	£11.00
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25/08/2013	Sunday	Drayton Manor (Coach Only)	£15.00	£13.00
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11/09/2013	Wednesday	Carmarthen Market & Tenby	£ 9.50	£ 9.00
21/09/2013	Saturday	Bicester, Oxfordshire	£14.00	£13.00
12/10/2013	Saturday	Tewksbury & Ross on Wye 'Labels'	£11.50	£10.50
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30/11/2013	Saturday	Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre	£13.75	£13.00
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08/12/2013	Sunday	Bath Christmas Market	£13.75	£12.75
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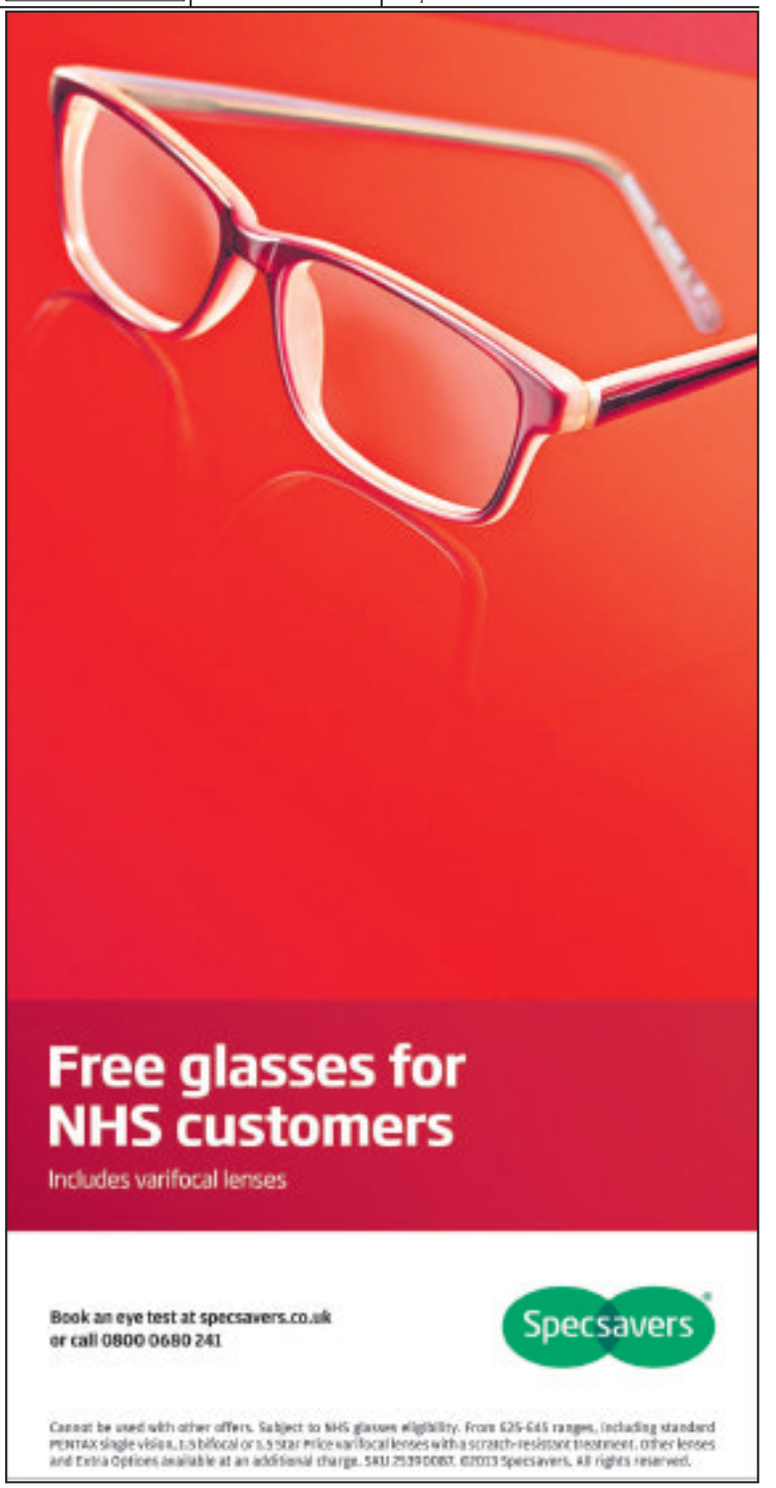

Stand by for the Vale Show!

FEW outdoor events in the Vale this summer will rival the thrills and excitement on offer at the Vale of Glamorgan Show.

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There is a craft fair, Cooke & Arkwright food hall, and Birkett LGA shopping mall to house the small trader– while outside, there are more than 250 retail stands with many bars and food outlets.

*There is still time to be included; visit **www.valeofglamorgan-show.co.uk** for more information or telephone **j01446 710099.***

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THE next major collectors' Toy and Train sale at Cardiff will take place on Saturday, July 6, between 10.30am and 3pm at Penarth Leisure Centre, Cogan.

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Understand your income and expenses so that you are clear about your budget and how much money you have to spare.

You should also consider your financial protection against death or illness, as well as your pension plans, because if these areas are currently under-funded, it may be more prudent to use your spare funds to improve these areas before you start saving.

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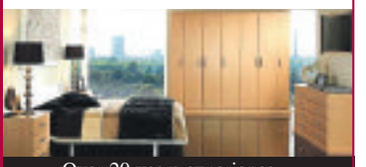
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Festival showcase for adult learning

STAFF and students at Barry Adult Education centres are preparing to showcase learners' achievements at the annual learning festival and exhibition at Palmerston Community Learning Centre, July 8–13.

The festival has been extended to run over the whole week, to allow the public more opportunities to view the exhibition and find out more about courses starting in September.

The exhibition on Monday, July 8, will be officially opened at 6.30pm by Coun Margaret Wilkinson.

It will showcase the achievements of learners attending a wide variety of creative arts and ICT courses at community learning centres in Barry including paintings and drawings, photography, patchwork and textiles, ceramics and glass, upholstery and sugarcraft.

The centre will be open to visitors all week (both daytime and evening). July 9–12 (9.30am-8.30pm) and all day Saturday, July 13 (9.30am-4.40pm).

Throughout the week, there will be a full programme of free taster workshops and demonstrations.

For details, call 01446 733762. Enrolments are being taken for courses commencing in September, and this is an ideal opportunity to drop in for information and advice, see for yourself some of the work produced on the courses, and talk to the tutors.

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Saturday 13th July 9.30 - 4.30pm.
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Council asking if residents 'can' recycle even more cans!

NEARLY eight billion cans are sold in the UK every year! Potentially, each one could be recycled over and over again, saving energy, raw materials and waste.

Vale recycling crew member Ben Stradling asks that every time you have a drink in this type of container, please make sure you place it in either your blue bag or green co-mingled recycling box.

It really is vital that everyone one of us aims to divert as much material possible from our black bag collections.

Vale Council cabinet member for the environment and visible services, Coun Rob Curtis urges: "Think about other cans you can also include in our weekly kerbside collection service.

"Be sure to add pet food cans, sweet tins, baked beans, pasta, soups and tomatoes – to name but a few. We ask that residents rinse all cans before adding them."

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We're here to help you hear!

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Vale Show's lifetime award for David!

ABOVE: David Tew receives his Vale Show lifetime achievement award.

WHEN Mr David Tew made what he thought was a routine call to Ty Canol farm, he was surprised to be greeted by a number of local farmers who had gathered to present him with the Vale of Glamorgan Show's lifetime achievement award for services to agriculture.

Coun Ray Thomas, chairman of the show, presented the award to a very surprised Mr Tew, who 24 years was a Genus AI technician.

He is well known throughout the farming district of the Vale for his reliable, friendly manner when providing a well-informed professional service.

This was a very well-deserved award to a valued and much-liked member of the farming community in the Vale whose van can be seen travelling many miles up and down the A48.

Preparations for the Vale Show are now well under way. There is still a little room on some of the trade stand aisles and we would be interested in hearing from anyone wishing to be among the 250 stands on offer.

All the schedules are now available to view on the website www.valeofglamorgan-show.co.uk and further information can be obtained by emailing Nicola on vale.show@btinternet.com 01446 710099.

The Vale of Glamorgan Show takes place at Fonmon Castle on August 21, and we look forward to seeing you there…. It is the largest one day event in the Vale and a great day out for all the family!

NICOLA GIBSON
(General secretary)

Author's talk to Vale Trust group

THE Vale Association of the National Trust's first daytime meeting was held at Dyffryn last week, when Barry author. Eileen Younghusband, spoke about her wartime experiences.

She is a most amazing lady, and will be in Cowbridge soon for her 92nd birthday when she launches her latest book.

This was a most successful event, followed by a fascinating guided tour of the garden in perfect weather.

The coach trip on Monday to Dyrham Park was also well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our next event is the coach trip to Dynefwr on July 23, and seats are still available (£17). Email vofgant@gmail.com or contact Marilyn Ivey to book your place.

JH

Age Concern's Barry event

AGE CONCERN Cardiff and Vale held a very successful free Foot event at Barry Memorial Hall, attended by Coun Mayor of the Vale, Margaret Wilkinson and her consort, and Coun Claire Curtis and her consort.

Stalls gave advice on care of feet, reflexology, foot massage, diabetes, and Care and Repair in the Vale.

Taster sessions of activities operating in the Vale were organised by Ageing Well Project in the Vale, sponsored by Barry Round Table. Another event is hoped to take place in Llantwit Major in October.

COMPUTER WARNING: *Beware this novel scam!*

Penarth Computer Club news

THE papers are full of stories about senior officials letting us and themselves down – it is refreshing to have someone actually owning up to being a bit daft and falling for a computer scam.

Mike F confessed his lapse to alert members of Penarth Computer Club. He switched on his computer to be faced with a police message saying they had disabled his computer because it had recently been misused and he could avoid prosecution only if he immediately paid a cash fine.

Certainly his computer wouldn't work. As an innocent party, he wanted to get his machine sorted and then tackle the mistake. To do this he had to go out and buy a voucher and return to enter the code it contained.

Only then did he ring Cheshire police to tackle the problem – to be told that he had been the victim of a scam and that the scammers now had the value of his voucher and he could not get it back.

Mike has been well aware of the existence of scams for some time. What caught him out was the newness of the approach and the convincing presentation.

The scam is known as the Cheshire Police Authority Ukash Virus. You can Google it and find out more, including how to get rid of it easily.

You might have to get a friend to do the Googling, of course. The main lesson is that first you have to be suspicious of such incidents and don't part with any money. You are better prepared if your anti-virus software is fully up to date.

After sympathising with Mike F, we got down to the business of the evening; a quiz by Mike J, while the order for fish and chips was processed. The quiz is not to be taken seriously and was punctuated by some friendly banter.

A nicely balanced set of questions contained no music ones (hooray) and just a single computer-related one (we are not nerds!).

First and last teams were separated by 10 per cent of the total available points.

The fish and chips arrived and the chatter started as we dined. Nic made tea to supplement the bring-your-own refreshments.

Members were reminded that the last meeting would be our open evening on July 9. They were invited to bring along their laptops or computers; be prepared to show visitors how they use them and answer questions about the club.

Our last meeting before our summer break is Tuesday, July 16 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, from 7.45pm to 9.30pm. It is a free open evening, as part of Penarth Festival Meet us informally, have a cup of tea and see what we do. Visit penarth-computerclub.co.uk

HOWARD DESMOND

Regional AM's advice surgeries

ELUNED PARROTT, AM for South Wales Central, will be holding advice surgeries on Friday, July 5 in the café area of Asda Pentwyn Superstore, 8 Dering Road, Pontprennau, CF23 8NL between 10am and 11am, and at Morrisons Supermarket, Penny Way, Barry, CF63 4BA between 1pm and 2pm.

On July 6 she will be at her constituency office, 38 The Parade, Roath, Cardiff, CF24 3AD between 12 noon and 1pm. No appointment is necessary.

Barry Camera Club honours two long-standing members

John Harvey with Alan Preece.

BARRY Camera Club held its annual dinner and awards at the Mount Sorrel on Friday, May 17, organised by Barbra and Jamie Archdale Smith.

The photographs were judged and awards presented by Gareth Martin, from Bridgend Camera Club who had to contend with quite a large selection of photographs.

In the annual competition, the categories are: mono prints, colour prints, projected and overall. The trophies were picked up by Brian Trego, Mike Lewis, Barbra Archdale Smith, Steve Durbin, Roy Carr and Kathy Edwards.

A special thank you goes to Tom Alexander and John Harvey – for their contribution to the club over many years.

Tom joined Barry Camera Club during the 1980s, served on the committee for several years, and has also tended and made equipment for the club.

He has made frames for club photographs displayed in Llandough Hospital. Tom is routinely among the first to arrive at the club on a Friday night, setting out the chairs long before most members arrive.

Tom Alexander.

Tom helps with competition battles and special occasions, such as organising the club's annual dinner for many years. He generously donates his time on Friday evenings during the summer months, organising photographic events for interested parties.

For many years, Tom has helped mount exhibitions.

John joined Barry Camera Club in the 1960s, was chairman from 1984-1994, and led the club effectively during those years, always putting its best interests first.

John has been an inspirational photographer and has led the way in experimentation and innovation.

For many years, John and his wife Jean prepared the tea and biscuits for the club and guests on club nights, and have given their time generously to help in many ways.

Both are much respected, long-standing members of this club and long may they remain so.

It gives Barry Camera Club great pleasure to present John and Tom with an outstanding contribution award.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm between September and May at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX.

New memberselcome to attend with no obligation to join. For more information visit www.barrycameraclub.org.uk ***Frank Cleland***

24-hour rugby charity match breaks record!

BARRY man Dominic O'Sullivan was among 44 rugby players who snatched a world record for the longest ever game of full-contact rugby at Leicester Tigers' Welford Road Stadium.

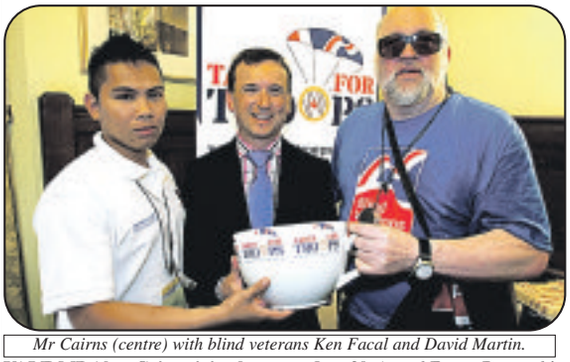
A volunteer side, playing for Scotty's Little Soldiers,and a team of elite athletes from the armed services, played for 24 hours to take the record.

By the end of the match, in aid of the forces charity, the final score was Scotty's 828 against HM Forces 1,742!

Dominic O'Sullivan reported: "It was a very emotional weekend, but worth every minute to see the lovely smiles on the children of the fallen and knowing that a huge amount of money was raised to help put a smile on the faces of all the children of the fallen.

"There were moments when the body was struggling, but one glance at the kids on the touchline was enough to lift the spirits and push on, even when logic said stop."

Vale MP supports blind veterans' welfare charity



Mr Cairns (centre) with blind veterans Ken Facal and David Martin.

VALE MP Alun Cairns joined blind veterans at a special House of Commons tea party held by Blind Veterans UK (formerly St Dunstan's), the charity for vision impaired ex-Servicemen and women, to celebrate its 'Tarts for Troops' fundraising campaign.

Mr Cairns is pictured holding a fun Tarts for Troops tea cup with blind veterans Ken Facal (left) and David Martin (right).

He is urging his constituents to support Tarts for Troops which kicks off on June 29, Armed Forces Day, and is about having fun and raising money to support the vital work of Blind Veterans UK.

There are many ways for people to get involved with Tarts for Troops, whether they hold a bake-off, a tarts and tea party, get together with colleagues at work for tarts with their morning coffee, or have friends around for a gourmet tart dinner party.

For more information about Tarts for Troops and to register events, go to www.tartsfortroops.org.uk.

Chance for trio to tackle the tall ships adventure

ABOVE (left to right): Cerys Meadows, Coun Claire Curtis, Morien Evans, Katie Phillips and Bryan Foley of the Tall Ships Youth Trust.

THREE young residents have won a life-changing experience at sea – following the launch of the Barry Marine Youth Award 2013 by Barry Town Council and the Tall Ships Youth Trust.

Morien Evans, Cerys Meadows and Katie Phillips will receive a sponsored voyage, in UK waters, sailing as a member of the crew aboard the tall ship *Stavros S Niarchos* as it sails from Brixham to Barry at the end of August.

They will experience an opportunity to make new friends, enjoy new and unique challenges and sail aboard a magnificent ocean going square rigged tall ship.

The *Stavros S Niarchos* will be docked at the Waterfront and open to the public on Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1.

During the visit, if anyone is interested in doing a sponsored mast climb for the Tall Ships Youth Trust, contact Bryan Foley at b.foley2@ntlworld.com for more information.

The Town Mayor, Coun Claire Curtis, said: "The town council, in partnership with the Tall Ships Youth Trust, was proud to sponsor the Barry Marine Youth Award to provide this opportunity to young Barry residents.

"The council intend to repeat this award for the next two years and anyone interested in applying for next year's award is advised to look out for details in local newspapers and on the town council's website during February 2014."

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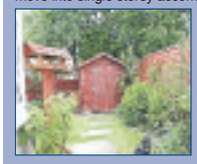

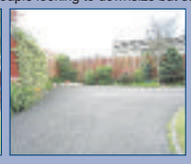

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Family Notices

HARTLAND
Sylvia

Peacefully on 25th June at Brocastle Manor Care Home. Sylvia, devoted wife of the late James and much loved mum of Trevor.

Funeral service at St Athan village church, Friday 5th July 11.00 am. Flowers may be sent to W James & Sons, Funeral Directors, Fonmon.

HARRIS
Beatrice

Peacefully on the 27th June 2013 at her home in Llantwit Major, Beatrice, beloved wife of the late Edmund (Eddy) and devoted mother of Gwilliam, Lulu, Muriel, Susan, Nicholas, Nigel, Ann and the late David and Brian.

She was a loving grandmother and great grandmother and will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major until the funeral service in St.Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Friday 5th July at 10.30am, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery.

Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

DAVIES
Elizabeth Mary

Following many years of illness, bravely borne, Mary, aged 79 years, passed away peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 30th June. Beloved wife of Graham, dearly loved mother of Robert, Richard and Cathryne and devoted grandmother of Nicholas, Isabelle, Miranda, Rebecca, Bethan, Ellie and Thomas. She will be sadly missed.

Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Llanblethian on Tuesday, 9th July at 12 noon, followed by private service at the Crematorium. Family flowers only.

WILLIAMS
Gloria Ethel

Suddenly, but peacefully on 25th June 2013, Gloria of Llantwit Major.

Dearly loved wife of Colin and a much loved mother of Susan, Colin, Diane and the late Tony. She was a respected mother in law of Ben, Peter and Sonia, also a loving grandmother and greatgrandmother who will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

Funeral service on Tuesday 9th July in Coychurch Crematorium at 11.00.a.m.

Enquiries to W.A.Brown & Son. 01446 792489

JOHNSTON
John George

Peacefully at Holme Towers, Penarth after a short illness on June 24th, George of Youldon House, Dinas Powys. Dearly beloved husband of the late Marjorie, much loved dad of John and Wendy. Adored grampa of Matthew, Daniel, Bethany, Mandy and Shelley, great-grampa Georgie of Jade, Eve, Orla and Poppy. Loving brother of Ronnie.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until his Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday, July 5th at 2pm, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 3pm. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

BROWN
Nerys Alwena

Peacefully at the Barry Hospital on June 30th, Nerys of Porth-y-Castell, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of Albert, much loved mami of Dafydd and Owain, daughter of Olwen and her late father Glyn of Rhydymeudwy Farm, Llanelidan, sister of Geraint, Bethan and Ioan.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until her Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday, July 8th at 1.15pm, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 2.15pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Velindre Cancer Centre Fundraising, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL.

WHITELEGG
Eileen

Bill, Paul, Helen and the family would like to thank all the many colourfully attired friends who attended the celebration of Eileen's life at St Illtyd's Church on the day of the Summer Solstice and Reverend Huw Butler's kind and thoughtful words.

We are so grateful for the kindness and support we have been shown and for the many, many cards and messages of sympathy received.

In particular, we would like to thank all those friends and neighbours who supported Eileen both in healthy times and through her long battle with dementia. Bill and Eileen valued your help enormously.

Also our special thanks go to all those in the support organisations including: Dr Anna Foreman and the staff at the Eryl Group Practice; the Wednesday congregation at St Illtyd's Church; the Gathering Place, St Athan, where mum went on Mondays; Louise McCarthy at Social Services; all the carers from Vale Care, they really came through for Eileen each and every day; the staff on Ward 2 at Bridgend Hospital and all those at Milsom House where she spent her final days so gracefully and received such great care.

How can we thank you all? We will be forever grateful for your kindness and support.

Finally, our thanks to St Athan Golf Club for organising Eileen's reception, as an ex-ladies captain she would have been so pleased, and also to Alan Pacey at Adams Funeral Directors whose manner, compassion and expertise once again helped us through such a difficult time.

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Keith prevails at Wenvoe

A truly remarkable shot on the final hole in a play off for the County Championship paid dividends for Keith Stimpson at his home course of Wenvoe Castle.

In tough conditions, particularly in the morning, Stimpson and former winner Chris O'Neill (Radyr) both posted identical scores of 146 with two rounds of 74 and 72, and the title was decided in an exciting four-hole play off.

The two players were level after the first three, but Keith's approach shot on the final hole, from well over 200 yards, ended up close to the pin and a superb birdie clinched victory.

The County Championship was first held in 1928 and in 85 years Keith becomes only the second player from Wenvoe Castle to be crowned county champion.

The other player from the club to be county champion was Clive Brown some 42 years ago in 1971. He later went on to become non playing captain of the Walker Cup team.

In golfing terms, Keith is very much a veteran but still had the skill and stamina to come out on top of the county's best talent.

In recent years, Keith has won the Welsh Seniors title and represented Wales in the Home Countries Championships.

In presenting the trophy, club captain Barrie Jones congratulated Keith on his tremendous performance, and he congratulated the runner-up, Chris O'Neill, for his part in an exciting finish.

Wenvoe Castle were delighted to host the prestigious championships and the club was particularly pleased to hear Martin Price, the chairman of the Glamorgan County Golf Association, praise the superb condition of the course and its facilities.

Results: County Champion 2013, Keith Stimpson (Wenvoe Castle) 74 + 72 146; runner-up, Chris O'Neill (Radyr) 74 + 72 146 (Keith won play-off); third, Ryan Thomas (Vale Resort) 75 + 73 148; fourth, Mike Hearne (Southerndown) 77 + 72 149.

Colts: winner, Ryan Thomas (Vale Resort) 75 + 73 148; runner-up, Patrick Mullins (Whitchurch) 74 + 76 150. Best gross (am) Craig Melding (Neath) 72; 2nd shared Keith Stimpson and Mark Baird (Radyr) 74.

Best gross (pm) Huw Williams (Cottrell Park) 68; second Mike Hearne (Southerndown) 72.

Team championship winners Radyr 455, runners-up Southerndown 466.

BJ

Big haul for the lads

FISHING has been improving for the Seaview lads, with over 100lb of fish a day being landed on a mid-June weekend.

A shore competition was fished on June 16 between Sully Island and Rhoose Point, and some excellent fish were landed.

First on the day was Paul Crook with a good bag of fish for a total weight of over 25lb; the bag included three rays and a dozen dogfish.

In second place was Mike Kerslake with another good bag of fish totalling 18lb 14ozs – again the bag was made up of dogs conger and another three rays.

In close third place was Richard Lougher with only 10oz less, his 18lb 4oz weight included three smoothhounds.

Fourth was Leigh Thomson with 12lb 4ozs of dogs and conger and fifth place went to the younger Lougher, Sam, with the day's biggest fish a 7lb + hound for 11lb 3ozs and following in sixth place was Dave Llewelyn with 5lb 6ozs.

The June boat trip fished the day before was less of a success but anglers still managed to weigh in.

High winds resulted in difficult conditions but Roy Bailey still managed to tease out an impressive double figure blonde while Mickey Langford lost an eel estimated at around 30lb at the side of the boat.

Roy took first place overall and all bar Josh managed to weigh in.

The following weekend saw our annual Flounder trip to west Wales.; details to follow but judging by the text messages, it was another top draw day to remember in the best SLAC tradition!

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Millwood loss

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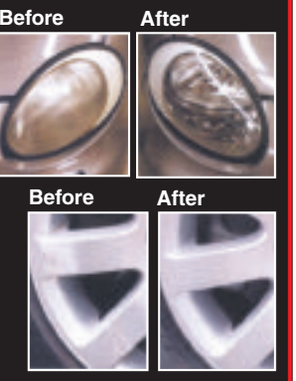

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Under-14s look back on season

BARRY under-14s held its presentation recently at the club house, and the coaches thanked the boys for their efforts throughout a long and hard season.

With a squad of 20, the under-14s struggled in some positions, however, their team work, commitment and belief in themselves, usually overcame difficult opponents.

The coaches are hoping that with a few extra boys in the team, we can push ourselves even further in the coming season.

The player of the year went to Joe Short – Joe was skipper throughout the season and has the ability to encourage players around him by leading by example.

Most improved back was awarded to Luke Pringle, who plays on the wing and has increased his speed around the field and improved his tackling and never shirks tackling boys much larger than himself.

The most improved forward went to Sam Sullivan – Sam, who is a prop, held his own in the scrums and was always present in the loose.

In addition to this he did an admirable job as centre when we were short in that department. The coaches' player went to Harry Morgan-Grant; although he had several injuries during the season, he always attended training and when playing, his distribution and ball play was second to none – not the largest of players but plenty of guts.

A big thank you must go to Richard Rendell, who has stepped down as team manager and assistant coach and will be focusing on the under-11s from next season, and thanks also to our sponsors, Buck & Hickman and K1 Logistics..

Congratulations to the boys that were selected to represent the Vale under-15s for next season and appreciation must go to Claire Nelson, who feeds the boys on Sundays and to the parents for putting up with the demands of the boys.

As always, the players mentioned above would not be able to shine if it were not for the efforts of all the boys in the squad.

Next season's training will commence on Sunday, July 7, at the club house, where new members are always welcome.

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Cardiff's Craig visits the Panthers

CARDIFF CITY'S Craig Noone was the surprise guest of honour to present the league winning trophies to local Vale of Glamorgan junior football club Porthkerry Panthers.

The club, who are represented in the Vale of Glamorgan junior football league at under-12s and under-15s age groups, both won their respective league championships and held a presentation night at Barry Island Sports and Social Club to celebrate their achievement.

The evening which incorporated a race night was set up to mark the achievements of winning a double league championship and to raise awareness and money for a local charity run by Paul Adamson and his charity, *Jamfund.co.uk*, which helps children in Wales suffering from leukaemia and other illnesses.

Craig spent time speaking to the boys and took time out to sign autographs and have pictures taken with them. Craig presented the team with a signed pair of football boots which were auctioned off and bought for £175 by Paul Browning, helping raise nearly £500 for the Jamfund during the evening.

The club thanked Craig for his generosity but in particular his time in attending and making the evening so special for these young boys who aspire to achieve what he has.

During the evening individual awards were presented to the boys for their efforts during the season by Paul Adamson, Craig Noone and Chris Power, and the club would like to thank all those involved for a fabulous season and evening.

This unexpected gesture from Craig just goes to show that there are still professional footballers that care about grass level sport and putting a smile on these youngsters faces.

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Vale Seconds 'wilt in heat'

VALE Seconds travelled to Croesyceiliog with only 10 men and a number of young faces in the side.

With the sun beating down, stand in skipper Mark Francis lost the toss and Vale were asked to field.

The skipper and Harrish Kannan bowled good opening spells with Kannan striking in his first over as 15-year-old Matthew Harper took a good catch behind the stumps.

The change bowling saw the introduction of Tom Taylor and Will Lloyd but the second wicket partnership was beginning to build a sizeable partnership although Vale weren't helping themselves as they twice put down Webber. Young under-16 Wales player L Kear was strking the ball fluently and Vale began to wilt in the heat.

Taylor finally struck in the 25th over ending a 131 run partnership bowling Webber for 52. As the Vale youngsters were introduced to the attack they found life hard going on the good wicket as 166 runs were conceded in 18 overs.

However, 13-year-old Angus James took his first wicket for the senior sides as another youngster, 15-year-old Luke John, held a catch at short mid wicket.

L Kear completed a fine century but when on nelson the bogey struck as he hit a catch to Luke John at mid-on which was well held off the bowling of Will Lloyd.

Luke John returning for a second spell finally got a wicket as Kannan held a good catch at long off to remove G Webber for 57.

Croesyceiliog had amassed 300-5 off their 45 overs. The Vale bowling figures were Mark Francis 9-1-44-0, Harrish Kannan 9-2-46-1, Tom Taylor 9-0-38-1, Will Lloyd 8-0-67-1, Luke John 7-0-72-0 and Angus James 3-0-27-1.

Vale were short on batting so a more realistic target was to achieve some batting points and Francis knew a lengthy stay from him was required.

Things started well for Vale as Francis and Taylor put on 49 for the first wicket. The skipper was cutting particularly well and lofted a big straight six. However, the partnership was ended when Taylor was run out by a direct hit.

Although having scored 1 in the 13 overs his stay had provided valuable support to his skipper. Vale then lost a couple of further wickets before youngster Harper and Francis put together a 37 run partnership.

Harper perished hitting in the air but had made a very useful 17. As a cascade of wickets then fell the skipper passed his 50 to try and edge his side to a batting point.

With the last man in the skipper decided it was time to take some chances and after finding the ropes a couple of times was caught on the long on boundary for an excellently made 65.

Young leg spinner A Laasna ended with figures of 4-12 and Vale were bowled out for 123 suffering a 177 run defeat and just failing to collect a batting point.

MF

Students' karate grading success

SEVENTEEN students from the AKAD (Association of Karate and Allied Disciplines) undertook their karate grading recently.

This involved them performing basic techniques (Kihon), pre arranged sparring (Kumite) and a memorised sequence of movements (Kata).

The following grades were awarded: 1st kyu – Deiniol Knight; 3rd Kyu – Phoebe Lewis and Laura Ward; 5th Kyu – Mike Fox, Abi Fox, Felice Cirino, Megan Cirino, Alex Murphy, Hannah Murphy, Jamie Murphy and Sofia Creedon; 6th Kyu – Rebecca Kitt; 7th Kyu – Chris Evans; 8th Kyu – Thomas Firth, Halen Marshall-Carter, Caitlin Evans and Max Evans.

All their hard work over the past few months really paid off on the night, with everyone successful in achieving their new grades.

The club trains on a Monday and Wednesday evening at Ysgol Pen-y-Garth's sports hall (Sully Road) between 6pm–7pm. There is also a training session on Monday evenings between 7pm–8pm for higher grades.

The club's Instructor Stuart Creedon was also presented with his 5th Dan certificate by Kyoshi Colin Jenkins (7th Dan).

For further information, contact Stuart Creedon on 07919 058 069.

SC

Dinas appoints new manager

DINAS POWYS FC has announced the appointment of a new first team manager, Dave Penikett.

Dave is a previous player and captain of the club who played for us for many years, is local to the club and he also coaches within our junior section.

Dave brings a wealth of Welsh League experience with him to the role and we hope he can progress the club in the near future and carry on the previous excellent work of Mark Dunford and Phil Clay.

Dave has outlined his aims and objectives to take the club back to its roots, recruiting as many homegrown players as possible and reigniting the interest around the village for Dinas Powys FC.

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Now Gatland gambles on his tried and trusted for final test

BACK PAGE COMMENT
by Don John

IN what is now a sporting cliché as familiar as the well-worn '*game of two halves*', Sir Alf Ramsey, England's World Cup winning manager in 1966, first coined the tenet – "*never change a winning team*!"

Cliché or no, 47 years on, it remains as true for the oval ball as the round one – so Warren Gatland, the British & Lions head coach, knew the calculated gamble he was taking in making five changes from the first test for the second and penultimate clash with Australia at the Etihad stadium, Melbourne, on Saturday – admittedly, two enforced by injury.

The pragmatic Kiwi asserted: *"It's never about not changing a winning team. It's about picking the best side to do a job for us. Our whole focus is on winning the match, and the series…*"

Given that the Lions had declared they expected another tight, *"brutal"* battle, and were "*prepared to win ugly*", some of the selections, particularly in the front five – lacking the injured Paul O'Connell's formidable presence, or specialist second row cover on the bench to add muscle (no Ian Evans or Richie Gray) were also clearly a gamble.

This was all the more surprising, in light of the tourists' previous problems at the scrum, highlighted once tight head prop Adam Jones had left the field in the first test – and it proved to be the case yet again in Melbourne, though this time it proved more costly, as the tourists slipped to an agonising 15-16 last-minute defeat.

In addition, the axing of combative scrum half Mike Phillips in favour of the smaller, quicker Ben Youngs, caused some surprise, particularly as the conservative game plan called for tight control up front, hence the need to stiffen the weakened pack with the destructive Dan Lydiate.

True, Phillips had not been at his best during the Lions' narrow 23-21 win in the first test, but given the context, his qualities as a 'ninth forward' were missed on Saturday, while Youngs failed to make the expected impact and was substituted by Conor Murray – ironically, a player more in the Phillips mould!

Confusingly, the coach had stated that the Welshman was available for selection, but had been carrying an injury, that his knee was "sore", and they had decided to rest him: "*We felt it was prudent to have him 100 per cent ready for the third test*".

That had left the Lions' camp open to the questionable notion that they were not as confident of clinching the series last weekend as they appeared to be – else why keep their first choice No 9 under wraps for a third match that would have little at stake with mission accomplished?

The selection gamble was soon challenged, as a fired-up Australia predictably targeted a perceived weakness in the tourists' front row, with young loose head prop Mako Vunipola given a torrid time early on.

Even so, it was the Lions who had the first chance to go ahead, full back Leigh Halfpenny's penalty attempt ricocheting off a post – but he made amends minutes later with the first of five successful penalties, after Lions' pressure – including one huge concerted drive that propelled the Wallabies back on their heels.

However, soon the boot was on the other foot, with two penalties awarded in quick succession against Vunipola, which Christian Leali'ifano converted, but then the Lions suddenly won a scrum penalty of their own and Halfpenny struck to level the score.

As infringements mounted on both sides, the Lions lost a line-out when hooker Tom Youngs threw long (something of a rarity on this tour!) but five minutes later, Halfpenny put the tourists back into the lead, only for Leali'ifano to level it again with a well-struck penalty. Almost on halftime, the street-wise Wallabies averted a try under their posts by conceding a penalty, which Halfpenny stroked over, to regain the lead at 12-9 – and 10 minutes after the change-over, he made it 15-9 with a fifth successful penalty.

Then began a desperate rearguard action as the Lions grimly fought to hang onto their six-point margin – with the lure of a historic series victory tantalisingly within their grasp. However, there were shades of recent Welsh misfortunes against the men from Oz, as the embattled tourists faced heartbreak at the death.

With just three minutes left on the clock, their resistance finally broke under a remorseless onslaught, when Australia, having spurned an easy penalty, launched a final attack that saw Adam Ashley-Cooper cross over for a try converted by Leali'ifano to secure a one-point, 16-15, lead.

As the warning hooter went to signal the end of another heart-stopping cliff-hanger, Halfpenny had one last chance with a penalty kick from more than 50 metres – but alas, this time it was not to be.

***"The last thing we want is to be 1-1 going into Sydney for the final test*", Gatland had said before the outset.**

He and the assistant coaches know that the pendulum has now swung away and that is the reality... The Wallabies, who have yet to hit their full stride, go into Saturday's decider with their tails high; while the Lions (minus their inspiring skipper, Sam Warburton) will have to step up several gears from the two earlier test performances if they are to prevail.

• ***As The GEM was going to press yesterday, the team was announced, showing 10 Welshmen in all – and the bombshell dropping of Brian O'Driscoll from the match 23.***

BRITISH AND IRISH LIONS: Leigh Halfpenny (Wales); Tommy Bowe (Ireland), Jonathan Davies (Wales), Jamie Roberts (Wales), George North (Wales); Jonathan Sexton (Ireland), Mike Phillips (Wales); Alex Corbisiero (England), Richard Hibbard (Wales), Adam Jones (Wales), Alun Wyn Jones (captain, Wales), Geoff Parling (England), Dan Lydiate (Wales), Sean O'Brien (Ireland), Toby Faletau (Wales).

Replacements: Tom Youngs (England), Mako Vunipola (England), Dan Cole (England), Richie Gray (Scotland), Justin Tipuric (Wales), Conor Murray (Ireland), Owen Farrell (England), Manu Tuilagi (England).

Tight Munro Cup game goes away from Cadoxton

THE four rinks were all tightly contested in this Munro Cup game at Cadoxton, with visitors Sully coming out on top on three of the rinks.

Ivor Robertson skipped the successful rink, which took advantage from the first end, by scoring a '5', closely followed with a '3' on the third. They continued to hold the ascendency for the remainder of the game except for the 16th end where the scores were level. Two '2's to finish ensured the win.

Don Kuhnell had Dennis Edwards in opposition on his rink. An enthralling match took place with the home side never behind until the final end, however, on three occasions the scores were level. On the final end the visitors' skip trailed the jack for three with the last bowl to win by one shot.

Howard Craven skipped his rink in another close encounter, against David Curtis, and trailed 7-3 after eight ends. Three winning ends changed the advantage, but two ends later the scores were level. Two shots each kept the score even, however, a '4' against on the penultimate ensured an away success.

Graham Brown had Mike Hardy skipping against him and was unable to get in front throughout the game, although always in contention, until two '3's in the later stages produced a winning position for the third win for the visitors.

M Curtis, L Adams, G Soloman, G Brown 11 – 18 A Kelly, H Thomas, D Hotchkiss, M Hardy; K McMahon, D Fanning, G Davies, H Craven 13 – 18 B Curtis, A David, A Rees, D Curtis; J Stacey, D Hammond, J Sugden, D Kuhnell 18 – 19 J Stacey, D Hammond, S Dibble, D Edwards; S Clements, A Turner, D Evans, I Robertson 19 – 15 K Lewis, C Michael, A Smith, M.L Jones. Final score: 61 – 70.

CADOXTON V CYFARTHFA PARK - ML4

The weather stayed fine for the ML4 game between Cadoxton and Cyfarthfa Park.

Don Kuhnell's rink gave them a good start with an inspiring display by the members of his team. Howard Hellyar played consistent bowls, as lead, throughout the game.

One of the new acquisitions, Karl Cowling also paid a major part by recovering shots regularly.

Ivor Robertson provided good positioning bowls when required to frustrate the opposition. Most of the time the skip played good covering bowls to retain the good heads set up.

They finished a few ends earlier then the others, with a '5' and '4' which left a good 21 shot advantage.

Brown's rink struggled for thirteen ends, and only managed to score two shots before a mini-revival including a '5' improved the overall position.

Howard Craven's four, who had won the two previous games playing together, were in a favourable position to continue the success, but a '5' against on the 17th end lost them the lead, from which they never recovered.

Derek Brook's team held a 7-1 advantage, but seven lost shots over the next three ends left them behind. There was then a period of winning alternate ends which brought the scores level at 11-11.

The home side then scored three singles, but the visitors replied with 4 singles to finish.

The three losing rinks started their last ends with a six shot advantage overall. In a tense finish they each kept the score down to losing only one shot, and thus save the aggregate points.

J Stacey, P Swannick, K Chedgzoy, D Brook 14 – 15; D Evans, W Vaughan, G Davies, H Craven 16 – 22; H Hellyar, K Cowling, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 35 – 14; S Clements, M Curtis, J Davies, L Davies 1 4 – 25. Final score: 79 – 76.

CADOXTON V ROATH PARK - ML6

Once again the Cadoxton 'A' side had to travel away short.

As a result, three triples and a four made up the team. The only rink that made any impression was skipped by Steve Clarke. They led 15-9 until interrupted by a tea break.

The penultimate end was the next time they scored, when a '2' left them just one shot behind. However a '5' on the last completed the match.

The extra two bowls made a big difference on the rink skipped by Jim Sugden, which only managed to score seven singles and a '2'.

Mike Curtis' rink ran on a similar basis with just 8 singles and a '2' scored. Alan Carpenter skipped the complete rink and were level at 4-4 but conceded a '4' and '5' while scoring a single, during the next three ends.

The scoring then continued regularly, against, to build a comprehensive defeat.

E Heppenstall, D Hammond, M Curtis 10 - 24; D Fanning, D Tuck, S Clarke 17 – 23; G Powell, L Adams, J Sugden 8 – 21; S Clements, A Prince, I Heppenstall, A Carpenter 10 – 29. Final score: 45 - 97. **DK**

Rhoose under-12s in player appeal

RHOOSE FC is currently on the lookout for new players to join its under-12s team for the forthcoming season.

Any player under 12 years of age before September 1 and who is currently a year-6 pupil is welcome to attend training sessions on Friday evenings, 6.30pm-7.30pm at Rhoose Recreation Ground (Ceri Road).

For more details, please contact Paul Morgan on 07917 096699 or e-mail pmorganrhoose@hotmail.co.uk

PLAYERS WANTED

LLANTWIT MAJOR under-14s are looking for two outfield players for next season for places in an already strong squad. If interested please call Mark Beattie on 07908 610013.

Charity's thanks

THANKS go to the 12 church teams who played 5-a-side football at the Gol Centre, Cardiff, recently.

The teams came from across south east Wales and helped us raise £200 for HopetoGhana. Our overall winners were Thornhill Church, Cardiff with Bethesda Chapel, Dinas Powys, our 'Europa League' winners. We also thank the Gol Centre, for their assistance with this fundraising event.

Monies raised will go towards our building project in Adjei kojo, Ghana where we are planning to build a refuge centre for some of the many homeless young people and families.

If you want to know more about the charity please go to www.hopetoghana.com, or follow us on Facebook; contributions to Hopetoghana can be made via the Justgiving website. **ED**

International success for Barry's Zak!

FORMER Porthkerry Panther football player Zak Sanders helped his under-15 football team to win the north Cyprus under-15 Cup final recently.

His team Dog˘an beat the undefeated champions Yenicami 2 - 1 in a thrilling final. This was a huge victory for Dog˘an at the Ataturk Sports Stadium, and the match was broadcast live on Turkish television.

It was a very special occasion for Zak because it was his last season under the current manager as he has to move up an age group; he was very proud to have been a part of this winning team as it was the first cup-winning team for his manager.

Zak's parents and grandparents attended the match and his ex semi-professional father said that Zak had a perfect game and couldn't fault him one bit! Zak would also like to congratulate the Panthers on their very successful season.

JK